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SHOPS VILLAGE GETS GO-AHEAD

By Robert Cox

A DESIGNER outlet village with 132 high-end shops and restaurants will be built in Cannock, bringing in 1,200 jobs after plans were approved.

The £115 million Mill Green Designer Outlet Village will be built next to Mill Green Nature Reserve, off Eastern Way – five minutes from the town's railway station.

Work can now start on the development next year, after it was approved unanimously by Cannock Chase Council's planning control committee. The targeted opening is in 2018 and it is forecast that the complex will annually bring in three million visitors.

Managing director Giles Membrey of Rioja Developments, the firm behind the plans, said: "We know there is such a good demand for this kind of retail offer.

"The scheme will create over 1,200 new jobs and many much needed apprenticeships, which will provide a real boost to the local economy.

"Mill Green will become a 'must go to' destination that will complement other centres and attract thousands of additional visitors each year, putting the area firmly on the visitor map."

Parking

Phase one of the scheme will see 81 outlets built creating around 1,000 jobs.

A further 48 units will be built in phase two as well as a multi-storey car park, bringing the total number of parking spaces to around 2,000.

When complete, the village will be the size of nearly four football pitches.

Bosses are hoping to attract firms including Lacoste, Diesel, Cath Kidson, Jack Wills and Polo Ralph Lauren.

But the ability of Cannock to draw in such brands was questioned at the planning committee meeting.

Laurence Homes, from commercial property agency GVA, who was representing Wolverhampton, Walsall and Stafford councils, said: "The reality is the scheme will at best attract middle of the road retailers, selling at lower prices. It will not draw trade from visitors and tourists like Bicester village does.

"It will just draw price-sensitive shops away from town centres like Walsall."

However, members of the committee insisted that Cannock would be getting a good deal.

Labour Councillor Tony Johnson, said: "The wards where this scheme will be built are some of the most deprived within the Cannock Chase boundary.

"Much needed jobs will be provided for that area, particularly for young people. This is our turn, this is our time. This is an opportunity Cannock has been looking for."

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MILLIONAIRE VIC COMES UP TRUMPS AGAIN

Vic Eden celebrates with his son Gary and daughter Gillian

IT is first and second time lucky for retired colliery engineer Vic Eden who has become a lottery millionaire – 12 months after a significant win.

The thrilled pensioner from Rugeley felt blessed to win £3,000 last year on the National Lottery – but he was flabbergasted to find he had come up trumps again, this time winning £1m in last Saturday's draw.

The avid bowls fan, who worked at Lea Hall Colliery, made the discovery the following morning over his breakfast cup of tea and slice of toast. He said: "I clocked the first two numbers. Then I went through them all and started to shake. I checked them again and again, I can't remember how many times, before calling my son."

But son Gary was walking his dogs on Cannock Chase and out of mobile signal range, so Vic called his daughter Gillian.

"I told Gill that I'd won the lottery and she didn't believe me. I told her to look on the TV or the internet whilst I shouted out the code. In the meantime Gary was trying to call me back but couldn't get through. Then, after they called round to home and we all realised I had won, all hell broke loose." Vic hid the ticket in a special box with seven keys while Gary called the National Lottery line to stake the claim.

The win makes Vic, who got his ticket from WHSmith in Brook Square, the second person from Rugeley to win big on the National Lottery this year.

In July, 21 year-old Kieron Vernon won £80,000 on a scratchcard.

This year has been a special year for Vic, as he celebrated his 80th birthday in June with his family.

RAIL

HS2 to open early says Chancellor

HS2 is set to open six years ahead of schedule, the Chancellor announced.

George Osborne said the route, which will cut through miles of Staffordshire countryside, will open in 2027. It came as he visited the Jaguar Land Rover Manufacturing Centre in Coven, to pledge £16.6m in funding to create 200 highly skilled engineering and manufacturing jobs in the Midlands.

Mr Osborne said: "Bringing forward this part of the HS2 route by six years is a massive step in the right direction for the Northern Powerhouse."

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CHRISTMAS

Santa to drop in at centre grotto

SANTA Claus will be at Cannock Shopping Centre on Saturday to meet customers and their families.

From 11am until 4pm, children will get the chance to meet Santa in a free festive grotto next to Trendy Tanya on the first floor. Natal Chapman, centre manager, said: "It's a great chance for the local community to get together and enjoy the festive season.

"We would like to say a special thanks to the Rotary club, who spoke with Santa to arrange his visit."

COURTS

Man, 27, accused of five burglaries

A MAN has appeared in court in connection with a spate of burglaries in Rugeley.

Douglas Martin Jones, of Madden Close, Rugeley, has been charged with five counts of burglary at addresses in the town.

The 27-year-old was remanded in custody until December 18 when he appeared at Cannock Magistrates Court on Friday.

Police are continuing to carry out inquiries, in an attempt to track down other suspects.

Officers had recently stepped up patrols in Rugeley following a number of burglaries in the area during the last two months.

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Pitmen's new clock ticks both boxes

The clock at Keys Park

"IT'S about time we had a clock," quipped one cheery Hednesford Town supporter, after it was unveiled before the Solihull Moors game.

The Pitmen's supporters association decided to provide the clock for the club several months ago,

But various setbacks and delays meant that the plan only came together last month.

Fully illuminated, the gleaming timepiece stood out against the gathering gloom of the November weather.

And at a cost of £700 it is guaranteed to withstand the cold and the wind which supporters know can descend on Keys Park.

The clock, which was positioned and installed with the help of volunteers, was officially inaugurated by Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling before the kick-off.

Feedback

A plaque to commemorate the occasion will be fitted alongside.

Scott Smith, chairman of Hednesford Town Football Club Supporters Association, said: "Around 12 months ago, one of our members brought the matter up of having the centrepiece of a clock installed at Keys Park so everyone inside the ground could tell what time it was.

"After gaining members' views at supporters association meetings and asking for feedback, we managed to find a company that could supply and design the clock which we required," Scott added.

"It was delivered in October, and we were grateful for our MP Amanda Milling in coming along to officially open it ahead of our game against Solihull Moors."

Family in tribute to tragic mother-to-be

A FATHER has paid tribute to his 'beautiful' daughter, who was pregnant with her first child, after she died at the age of 26.

Sophie Thyer, of Rugeley, was admitted to Royal Stoke University Hospital on November 1 with a mystery rash on her body and unable to keep down food but she died the next day.

Scores of mourners turned out for her funeral on Friday. Her devastated parents, Stephen Thyer and Loraine Mackay, want an investigation into the circumstances surrounding her death. A report has been sent to the coroner. The mother-to-be was 28 weeks' pregnant with her son Jackson who also died.

Sophie Thyer

Mourners lined part of the route as her coffin was carried in a pink princess carriage pulled by four white horses from Rugeley to Stafford Crematorium. Songs from her favourite film, The Lion King, were played at the humanist service. Celebrant Geraldine Jones described the former Hagley Park Academy student as 'loud, proud and pink.'

Her father, a 57-year-old input administrator with Staffordshire Police, said: "Sophie always had a big smile and a hug for everyone she met."

Mr Thyer, of Huntsmans Walk, said his daughter had loved animals and had completed a course in animal care at Rodbaston College. She had recently got a job working one day a week at McDonalds in Cannock.

"Sophie never asked for anything," he said. "She was beautiful, warm and kind-hearted." He said the family, including her brother Simon, 29, were devastated.

On the evening before her death, she attended Cannock Chase Hospital for a pre-arranged appointment due to the spread of the rash and a deterioration in her health. After doing tests, doctors there advised her to see specialists at the maternity unit at North Staffordshire.

Her mother drove her the 18-mile journey to the Stoke hospital where she was transferred to the critical care unit but medics were unable to save her.

An inquest is expected to be held into her death.

Suit up as Santa for charity dash

Ready for the Newlife Santa Dash are from left, Katie Barton, Nathan Ramsden, Alastair Payne and Leighton Walton

VOLUNTEER Father Christmases are wanted for this year's annual Santa Dash in Cannock to help disabled children.

The sixth annual Newlife Santa Dash is on December 12, with the one-mile wheelchair and dog-friendly route starting at Chase Leisure Centre and finishing at the Bank Bar and Lounge for refreshments.

The race starts at 11am and participants can walk, jog or run the marshalled course. Bank Bar and Lounge owner Alastair Payne has been first across the finishing line for the past four years and is throwing down a sporting challenge to local runners.

He said: "The Newlife Santa Dash is a great opportunity for individuals as well as families, groups of work colleagues, students and even health and leisure club members to get together for a bit of festive fun – and raise money to help local disabled children.

"This year, it would be great to see more running enthusiasts sign up and give me a real run for my money."

Participants are being asked to raise a minimum of £20 sponsorship this year while children under 16 can join the race by paying an entry fee of just £1. Newlife community fundraising manager Nora Smith said: "Every year the event grows, with an amazing turnout of amazing people."

To sign up, log on to www.newlifecharity.co.uk

Date set for hearing to decide fate of paramedic

A PARAMEDIC from Great Wyrley who stood motionless with his hands in his pockets while a patient was left dying of a heart attack outside a hospital will find out his professional fate at an upcoming conduct hearing.

Matthew Geary was spared an immediate jail term despite what a judge described as a 'callous' and 'uncaring' failure to act when 47-year-old Carl Cope collapsed outside Walsall Manor Hospital. The 37-year-old, of Manor Avenue, was given an eight-month prison term, suspended for two years, and told to carry out 240 hours of unpaid work.

Geary will now appear at a Conduct and Competence Committee hearing in London on December 11 when he could face being struck of the register to practise by the Health and Care Professions Council. Mr Cope, of Parker Street, Bloxwich, died on June 23 in 2012 after Geary ignored his plea for help despite the efforts of others to resuscitate him.

When an investigation was launched, Geary resigned from West Midlands Ambulance Service, where he had served for eight years. He was originally accused of manslaughter, but pleaded guilty to failing to discharge his duty.

Another paramedic, Andrew Davies, who was involved in the poor treatment of Mr Cope also faces a fitness to practise hearing with the HCPC. He was not charged but the ambulance service dismissed him for his part in the incident.

He was due to appear before a panel in October but the case was adjourned with a new date yet to be arranged.

Firm fined for safety breach

AN electrical firm in Cannock has been ordered to pay almost £14,000 after workers were injured due to 'poor planning and supervision' during a refurbishment job.

Three workers from Cannock Electrical Services were fitting a large electrical cable from the 20th floor to the basement of a building, Birmingham Magistrates Court heard.

The workers were lowering the cable by hand when it slipped, whipping round and striking them. One man suffered a badly broken leg, the second a fractured ankle and the third minor injuries.

Cannock Electrical Services, of Progress Business Centre, Brookfield Drive, Cannock, was fined a total of £13,000 with costs of more than £700 after pleading guilty to a breach of regulations.

Homes scheme at Robin Hood site

PLANS have been submitted to redevelop the former Robin Hood pub site in Cannock for housing.

A proposal for three homes at the site in Walsall Road, Churchbridge, has now been submitted to South Staffordshire Council.

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Wolves fans are among the worst for arrests

WOLVES fans are among the worst-behaved in the country, with more than 70 arrested last season, according to data from the Home Office.

Wolves supporters received the most banning orders in the Football League last season and received the second-highest number of football-related arrests out of all 72 clubs. There were 73 fans arrested throughout last season – 23 at home games, 49 at away fixtures, and one at a neutral place.

The only club in the Football League which had more fans arrested were Leeds United with 99.

Walsall picked up the fourth-highest number of arrests in League One.

Twenty four Saddlers fans were arrested – five at home, 15 away, and four at a neutral venue.

There were also 22 bans handed out to Wolves fans during the season – the highest amount in the Football League. There are now a total of 43 bans in place on Wolves fans. Six Walsall followers picked up bans.

Wolves have responded to the figures, saying Molineux is a 'safe and enjoyable place to watch football'.

Steve Sutton, facilities and stadium manager at Wolves, said: "Molineux is a safe and enjoyable place to watch football, with more than 500,000 fans passing through the stadium's turnstiles every season. These figures, for both home and away game arrests, can easily be sensationalised to create the wrong impression, despite the fact in Wolves' case they represent such a low number in proportion to our home and away attendances."

Schoolchildren to light up town

SCHOOLCHILDREN will entertain crowds at Hednesford's Christmas lights switch-on.

The youngsters, from local schools, will be joined by Cannock Radio roadshow at the event on December 4which features a contest for the best dressed shop window.

Santa's grotto will welcome visitors. Market Street will be closed from 1pm to 8pm for the occasion.

Hednesford Town Council chairman, Councillor Alan Pearson, said: "We are always delighted with the Christmas lights switch on as an important and fun event in our calendar.

"This year we are looking forward to welcoming the children and hope it will be a special memory for them," he added.

Society prepares for social evening

NORTON Canes Historical Society's last evening meeting of 2015 will be the Christmas social event on Tuesday at the library, from 7 to 9pm.

Members and friends are welcome to attend. Admission is free.

Fire chief spells out commitment

STAFFORDSHIRE'S fire chief has defended a rise in average response times to blazes across the county, saying the brigade is committed to providing the best level of service.

Firefighters took longer to reach a variety of call-outs, from vehicle to house fires during 2014-15, the data from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) shows.

It mirrors the national picture where response times are at their longest for 20 years and comes at a time when the brigade is being forced to make millions of pounds of cutbacks due to a reduction in Government funding.

The data for Staffordshire shows the average response time for a house fire was 9.4 minutes, compared with 8.2 during the previous 12 months.

Crews took 11.6 minutes to reach vehicle fires, up from 10.7, and 12.7 minutes for outdoor fires, compared with 11.3 in 2013/14.

But Staffordshire's chief fire officer Peter Dartford said the brigade had met its targets last month.

"During October 2015 we met the response times for the first pump on 89.2 per cent of occasions and for the second pump it was 90.4 per cent.

"Making Staffordshire the safest place to be is our main priority. The best response time is always to get there before the fire starts. Prevention is at the heart of everything we do.

"Indeed, the report reaffirms our fundamental belief that prevention is better than cure, as whilst there has been a slight increase in average attendance times across the country, the number of incidents and the numbers of fire casualties continues to fall.

"The communities we serve can be safe in the knowledge that we, along with partners, are working together to provide them with the best level of service possible and that we are continuing to help them improve their health, safety and well-being."

The statistics show that West Midlands Fire Service took an average of 7.1 minutes to respond to a house fire, up from 6.7 in 2013/14 despite fewer incidents.

While the call-out time for other building fires was 7.3 minutes compared with 6.8 in the previous year.

Play area wrecked in another arson attack

A CHILDREN'S play area was left badly damaged after being set alight by arsonists in the second attack in as many months.

The incident at the park in Heath Way, Heath Hayes, follows a similar attack in October which saw a play park on the former site of Cannock Stadium damaged.

Police spokesman Sarah Davison said: "The fire was deliberate and caused extensive damage."

Councillor Colin Lea, who represents Heath Hayes East, has branded the attack a 'disgrace'.

He said: "I am absolutely disgusted by this. To target a children's playground is an absolute disgrace, there is no question about that.

"These morons don't seem to realise that acts like this have a knock-on effect and end up costing the taxpayer money."

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service confirmed that they sent one crew from Cannock to the incident with them arriving on scene at 10.26pm on Sunday, November 22.

Although the fire was quickly extinguished, with the crew being released at 10.48pm, officers from Staffordshire Police were also called.

Families

Councillor Mike Sutherland, who visited the park the day after the fire to inspect the damage, said: "For me, this is an outrageous and appalling thing to happen.

"The saddest thing is that this is depriving young children and families of using what was a really nice facility.

"You would hope it could be fixed quickly but the fact is, this will take some time, it is a tragedy really."

On Saturday, October 3, yobs destroyed brand new equipment at another children's playground in Cannock in a similar arson attack.

The vandals struck at Cannock sports stadium in Pye Green Road. The act of destruction prompted parents to set up a fundraising campaign to get the damaged equipment replaced.

The new play area for toddlers and juniors – part of a £1.3 million investment – had been open less than three months.

Firefighters spent half an hour battling the blaze at the popular park, launched on June 23 after years of campaigning by local families.

They said they were shocked by the damage to the slide and climbing frame. Many children were in tears.

Pye Green Road resident Leroy Francis, aged 53, who visited the park regularly with his son Isaac, described the vandalism as 'disgusting'.

He said after the attack: "The council spends a lot of money on facilities like this. It is a play area that is well used by families in the area.

"It's really popular and I think whoever is responsible for setting fire to it should be caught and dealt with appropriately by the police. They have tried to ruin a perfectly good park."

The design of the equipment incorporated the mining history of the town and an athletics track. Children from surrounding schools had been invited to help with the design.

The whole investment included a multi-use games area, adventure play area, mountain bike trail, illuminated pathways and cycle trails, car parking, community allotments and the provision of trim trail exercise equipment.

The park is situated next to the SNAP – Special Needs Adventure Playground – which was not affected by the blaze.

Police investigating the latest attack confirmed that inquiries into the circumstances of the fire are continuing and anyone with any information is asked to call 101, quoting incident 730 of November 22.

Alternatively, they can contact the independent crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111 or use the anonymous report form at www-crimestoppers-uk.org

Details cannot be traced and they will not be required to attend court.

Councillors Mike Sutherland, left, and Colin Lea look at the fire-damaged playground equipment

NEWS IN BRIEF

Court date for stab suspect

A WOMAN charged with the attempted murder of an elderly man found stabbed at his Burntwood home will appear at Stafford Crown Court in January for a plea and directions hearing.

Sonia Witton, aged 47, of St Michael's Road, Rugeley, is accused of trying to kill the 71-year-old at the property in Chorley road last month.

She was arrested at Chasewater Country Park.

Witton, who is in custody, will appear at Stafford Crown Court on January 19.

Festive fair will aid church funds

PARISHIONERS can get into the festive spirit with a Christmas fair this weekend.

The event will take place on Saturday at Bourne Methodist Church, in Hednesford Road, between 10am and 2pm.

Various stalls will include cakes, 'a prize every time', a raffle and gift bags.

Tea and coffee will be served from 10am to midday, and hot lunches will be available between midday and 1.30pm. All proceeds from the fair will go to the church.

Santa gets ready for church visit

SANTA will be making an early appearance at Burntwood Methodist Church on December 12.

A Christmas event will run from midday and 3pm, and Father Christmas will be on hand to hand out free gifts to youngsters.

Members of the Burntwood Boys' and Girls' Brigades have been busily designing and building the sleigh and grotto.

For more information contact Sue Hoddinott on 07518 047655.

Festive family day at Chase museum

THE Museum of Cannock Chase holds its Christmas Family Day on Sunday from midday to 4pm.

Admission is free. The event is the venue's final Sunday opening of the year and includes Christmas drop-in arts and crafts.

There is a small fee for some activities. For more information about the event visit the museum on Valley Road in Hednesford, email museumofcannockchase@wlct.org or call 01543 877666.

Wood turning show

CANNOCK Chase Woodturning Club will hold its annual show at Chasewater Innovation Centre on December 2 to 6.

There will be lots for children and adults to see and ideas for Christmas presents. Raffle proceeds will go to the Midlands Air Ambulance.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

THE least convincing yuletide scene came this week in the opening episode of the Beeb's new drama series, Capital. It was allegedly Christmas Eve in London yet the sun was high in the sky and the trees were in the full leaf that goes with a green and balmy season. This "Christmas" was obviously filmed in summer. Do such errors matter? Yes, they do. These days, no-one writes drama purely to entertain. There is always a message and an agenda. In Capital we are introduced to the wickedness of the banking industry, the greed of property developers, the gulf between rich and poor, the unkindness of the immigration system and the anger of young Muslims. We assume that what we see has been well researched. But if they can't even get the seasons right, why should we believe any of the rest?

RESEARCH in Russia suggests people who play classical musical instruments such as the cello and harp, live longer than those twanging away on electric guitars. As the journal Advances in Gerontology puts it, instruments associated with "higher intellect and education" go with a longer lifespan. I fear we ukulele players are not long for this world. Higher intellect and education are not usually associated with My Little Stick of Blackpool Rock. Worryingly, George Formby only made it to 56.

BENEDICT Cumberbatch plays a fashion model of indeterminate sex in Zoolander 2. For this he has been denounced in an online petition thus: "Cumberbatch's character is clearly portrayed as an over-the-top, cartoonish mockery of androgyne/trans/non-binary individuals." Blimey. Who'd be a pantomime dame?

IT'S good to see Timothy West and Prunella Scales back in a third series of Great Canal Journeys (C4) but the title is hardly inspiring. How about "Tim and Pru Go Bashing Into Things"? West has apparently been a canal fan for 30 years yet seems fated to hit anything in his path, be it lock, bollard or someone else's boat. There's a sudden wallop and West exclaims brightly: "Sorry, bit of wind there." Finding yourself confronted by a pair of national treasures, what can you do but smile sweetly and hope your insurance is in order? The most terrifying thing you can hear on the Grand Union is the skipper on the approaching narrowboat saying: "Fancy taking the helm, Tim?"

THE British Army's new rapid- response brigades won't be ready for ten years. The Royal Regiment of Oxymorons?

ONE of the major bakers has just announced it is making bigger crumpets. I bet that is "in response to public demand." In lardarse Britain, would anyone ask for smaller crumpets?

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Santa coming to a street near you

THE Rotary Club of Rugeley and Rugeley Lions have released details of their Santa Sleigh tours.

Ed Rule, PR officer for the Lions, said the float would be out and about on weekdays from 6.30pm to 9pm.

Monday, December 7: Etchinghill and Slitting Mill – Woodcock Road, Crabtree Way, Avonlea Gardens, Dayton Drive, Lansdowne Way, (back to Woodcock Road), Peakes Road, Riders Way, Brinkburn Close, Moorland Close, Briar Close.

Tuesday 8: Western Springs – Chase Side Road, Pool Meadow Close, Overpool Close, Greenfields Drive, Green Lane to Plovers Rise down to bottom of Plovers Rise.

Wednesday 9: Old Eaton Road, Leyland Drive, Rishworth Avenue, Wolseley Road, Portobello, Richardson Way, Levett Grange, Wolseley Road, Albany Drive, Old Eaton Road.

Thursday 10: Pear Tree Estate and Burnthill Lane.

Friday 11: Draycott Estate/Lower Birches/Upper Longdon.

Monday 14: Colton – Bellamour Way, High Street; Hill Ridware – Uttoxeter Road, Rake End Close, Wade Lane, Oaklands Close, School Lane.

Tuesday 15: Springfields – Parkhall Close, Springfield Road, Crabtree Way, Green Lane to Hawthorn Way.

Wed 16: Etchinghill – Bower Lane, Penk Drive North, Stag Close.

Thur 17: Station Rd/Chadsfield Est, Phoenix Clo, St Anthony's Clo.

Fri 18: Little Haywood – St Marys Road, Woodside, Hillside Drive, Manor Farm Road, Coley Lane, Back Lane, Coley Grove, The Orchard, High Chase Rise, Hawkesmore Drive.

Workers opt for shorter hours to save JCB jobs

By John Corser

JCB workers in Rugeley have voted to work shorter hours for the next three months to save the jobs of some workers at risk of compulsory redundancy.

It follows an announcement by the firm last month that up to 290 shop floor positions across four sites were are risk of redundancy because of a rapid deterioration in world construction equipment markets.

Around 400 workers in total are employed at the cab-making factory in Rugeley. During the first stage of consultations by the company, the number of positions at risk of redundancy reduced from 290 to 235.

In order to avoid compulsory redundancies, JCB and the GMB union also proposed a flexible working pattern for shop floor employees until the end of February to save a further 100 jobs taking the number of jobs at risk down to around 135 and GMB members have now voted in favour of the proposal after a ballot which ended on Friday.

Result

JCB chief executive Graeme Macdonald said: "Our shop floor colleagues are to be applauded for their actions. JCB and the GMB were determined to do everything possible to avoid compulsory redundancies through a combination of voluntary redundancies, early retirements and flexible working. It highlights a great team spirit at JCB and also means we can retain some vitally important skills."

JCB GMB works convenor Gordon Richardson said: "Our members are to be congratulated on the result of the ballot."

The standard working week at JCB is 39 hours. The number of hours worked at each site will now vary depending on production volumes but will be 34 hours or above.

Employees will have the choice of either being paid for just the reduced hours worked or being paid for the full 39 hour week and then working back the 'banked' hours next year.

Co-op staff rise to 50-day challenge

From left, Louise Brown, Sam Dunn, both of Midcounties Co-operative, Rebecca Martin, from Katharine House, Karen Wright and Becky Young, both of Midcounties Co-operative

CREATIVE shop staff have turned £50 into more than £2,000 at the Midcounties Co-operative in Cannock and Hednesford.

They took part in 50 days of fundraising for Stafford-based hospice Katharine House, setting up two teams who launched a friendly challenge against each other. Hosting a range of activities on a £50 budget, from cake sales to charity walks, the teams aimed to raise as much money as possible in the time allowed.

The joint effort meant the Co-op was able to raise more money – totalling just over £2,200 – than any other business taking part in the challenge.

The fundraising challenge was part of the Co-op's regional communities' strategy, which sees a commitment from members and staff to provide support for local groups. Dr Richard Soulsby, chief executive at Katharine House Hospice, said: "We would like to thank the the Midcounties Co-operative regional community teams, who have taken time to volunteer and raise funds for the hospice."

The teams were led by Co-op staff Tracy Edwards and Aaron Clayton. One of the Co-op team leaders, Tracy Edwards, said: "Katharine House Hospice is an organisation which plays an important role in our community, and we are proud to have taken part in this initiative, which supports the vital work they do."

"As a co-operative, we're committed to supporting local good causes like Katharine House, and we look forward to working with the team there again in the future to add to the fundraising total we've reached."

Pickpocket warning as crowds fill the shops

STAFFORDSHIRE Police are urging festive shoppers to be alert and reduce the risk of becoming a victim of opportunist thieves and pickpockets.

In the run-up to Christmas, shopping centres and car parks are busier, and police are advising people to take extra precautions to keep their purses, wallets and vehicles secure.

Chief Supt Jeff Moore said: "It's a lot easier for pickpockets and shoplifters to conceal themselves amongst the crowds in shopping areas.

"Often working in pairs, or groups, pickpockets will use various ways to lift your purse or wallet out of your pocket or bag.

"Sometimes one will distract you by drawing your attention to something, asking for directions or simply bumping into you, while another will adeptly help themselves to your money or cards."

Over the coming weeks, officers will be working closely with store staff and CCTV operators to take early action against anyone acting suspiciously.

Mr Moore added: "We also see a rise in theft from cars at this time of year with opportunist thieves taking advantage of busy shoppers leaving parcels openly on view and their vehicle insecure.

"If you put items you have just bought in your vehicle before heading back to the shops, put them in your boot, lock your car and make sure no one is watching ready to pounce. We urge people to 'Stop and Think'. Be vigilant and take extra precautions to reduce the risk of becoming a victim."

Cancer care plans are criticised

A COUNCILLOR has criticised controversial plans to sell cancer care and end-of-life services in Staffordshire.

Councillor William Kemp, leader of the Labour opposition at Stafford Council, questioned whether a private sector provider would improve services.

But he failed to win the support of the majority of members for a formal declaration of objection.

The plan to sell contracts worth £1.2 billion were debated by the authority last week.

Councillor Kemp, said: "The CCG is defending putting the contracts out by saying it will improve the delivery of the services but there is no evidence it will do this.

"Private providers could fragment the services further."

Choral society will perform at church

CHASE Choral Society will be performing on Saturday.

The Cannock group will sing at St Mark's Church in Great Wyrley from 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 and are available from the church or on 01922 418163 or 01543 573723.

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Four-month wait to get recycling calendars

HOUSEHOLDERS in Cannock will have to wait until next April for their 2016 waste and recycling calendars.

The council has announced a bins shake-up with families facing more changes in how they are expected to deal with their waste.

The latest recycling calendars ran out at the end of November.

Now the council has said residents will have to go without a new collections timetable until the spring to avoid wasting money on issuing 40,000-plus calendars that will last for only four months.

Temporary calendars are available to download from the council's website for those residents who prefer to have a chart on display in their home.

For collection changes over Christmas and New Year, residents will receive a sticker notifying them of the changes on their bins.

Councillor Alan Dudson, portfolio leader for environment, said: "Residents are advised that there are no changes to their waste collections.

"However, those residents who like to put a calendar on their fridge as a reminder can print off a copy via our website. We thank our residents for their recycling efforts following the launch of the Recycling Isn't Rubbish campaign earlier this year.

"This campaign was launched to encourage residents in the district to put the right item in the right bin and highlighting the consequences incurred from contamination."

Visit www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/wasteservices

Three charged over police chase

THREE men are to appear in court charged in connection with a police chase in Essington.

The case follows the arrest of five men at around 1.50am last Tuesday, October 24, in Blackhalve Lane.

Mark Taylor, aged 27, of Kitchen Lane, Wednesfield, has been charged with driving without insurance, driving while disqualified and failing to stop. He was released on bail to appear at Cannock Magistrates Court on December 30. Shane Haddock, 19, of no fixed address, and Dwayne Dunlop, 22, of Perry Hall Road, Wolverhampton, are charged with possession of a Class B drug, cannabis.

Both were bailed and will appear at the same court on December 9. Two others were released without charge.

Cash raised for farming charity

LOCAL volunteers raised money for the farm animal welfare organisation Compassion in World Farming on the streets of Rugeley.

The £101.36 raised will help the work of the charity.

A year when nostalgia played its part

Christmas message from the chairman of Burntwood Town Council

I NEVER dreamt that I would become chairman of our wonderful town, and meet so many people who give their time and energy for others.

It has been a real honour and pleasure meeting you all at the functions I have attended so far.

This year has been particularly about nostalgia, with the unveiling of SCAMP's new plaque, remembering our fallen heroes commemorating 70 years of VE day, and the fabulous old archive footage brought to us by Peter Walker, celebrating 150 years of the Chase Wakes. We are hoping to bring the Wakes back home in 2016, to the Recreation Centre, with many old and new things. This year we have seen 'play in the parks', spread across three parks during the summer break.

This proved very successful, and a real boost to families who needed somewhere to take the bored kids to! All free, and we are hoping to improve what's on in our parks next summer.

My designated charities are Stephen Sutton Teenage Cancer Trust and St Giles Hospice, and on February 27 I am holding a charity fundraising night at St Matthew's Club. The Beatless will be entertaining us with songs from The Beatles, and we already have some fabulous raffle prizes. Tickets are selling fast, and are available from Burntwood Town Council's offices.

There are so many tragedies and evil deeds happening around the world, and I'm sure everyone has the same hope as me, that Christmas will bring peace and goodwill to all those who suffer at the hands of others. Let us all be mindful of those people less fortunate than ourselves.

Burntwood is such a thriving town, with businesses moving into the area, and new houses being built, and we are pushing hard for the retail outlets and healthcare that we desperately need. We want customers to come to Burntwood to shop, not travel to other places.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy, Peaceful and Prosperous Christmas and New Year, from the elected members and officers of Burntwood Town Council.

Councillor Mrs Pamela Stokes

Rethink is urged on hearing aids supply

A PLAN to end the supply of hearing aids to people with moderate to mild hearing loss has been attacked at a workshop to discuss the idea.

The Clinical Commissioning Group wants to decommission the hearing aids to the section of sufferers in South Staffordshire to save money.

North Staffordshire CCG scrapped the supply of aids to people with mild hearing loss earlier this year.

The NHS group now hopes to bring in a similar policy in the south of the county. It would affect around 107,000 people in Cannock, Hednesford, Rugeley, Stafford and Stone, and other parts of south Staffordshire.

A three-month consultation was to be held but was stalled for a workshop for the public to question board members from the CCG, who also presented their case to councillors.

Mark Dudek, aged 59 from Stafford, said if hearing aids were decommissioned, it would have a traumatic effect in his life.

He said: "I've got hearing aids in both ears so if this was to happen and I needed new ones in a few years' time but couldn't afford then due to the high private costs, then I would absolutely struggle in everyday life."

Evidence

Andrew Donald, chief officer of Staffordshire's CCG, said: "We know this is highly controversial proposal, but it is not at the consultation stage and the findings of this open meeting will now be discussed and a decision will be made from here. This proposal will be discussed with all areas potentially affected and we are committed to ensure any plans are well-publicised and well ahead of time."

Harjit Sandhu, director at the National Community Hearing Association, said: "Evidence by the clinical priorities advisory group was obtained two years ago in December 2013.

"How has there not been a new re-calculation of evidence since then?

"Hearing loss is a major public health issue and what needs to be monitored is the benefits of any any proposal, rather than cuts.

"I would ask all CCG's to make savings rather than cuts."

A decision on if the policy is rolled out in the south of the county will be made by the CCG.

An update on the situation will be given by the health body at a meeting next month. No exact date has been set for the meeting.

Farm brings home the bacon

Pie Technician Helen Naylor with award winning meats and pies at this year's English Winter Fair

THE happiness of pigs at a Wolverhampton farm is key to its award-winning meats, according to delighted bosses.

Staff at Essington Fruit Farm are celebrating a 10-medal haul at the English Winter Fair at Staffordshire County Showground.

There were gold medals for the farm's gammon and bacon products as well as its traditional free range pork sausages and its sausages with a new combination of pork and lamb. The other six medals were all silver for the farm's hand-crafted meat pies.

All the pork is produced on site by a team of 50 staff overseeing 500 varieties of pig.

Even the lamb, for its combination sausages, is sourced locally.

Owner Richard Simkin, said: "The pigs are kept in their natural environment and can run around and root up the grass and generally have a contented life. The pig meat is then processed on the premises and the bacon dry cured here.

"Everything is handmade here," he added.

The English Winter Fair is the country's largest national winter primestock show.

The two-day livestock show saw 430 cattle display their best attributes to admiring visitors while an auction was held for turkeys, pigs, sheep and beef.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Council opposes union crackdown

A CRACKDOWN on unions' right to strike is being opposed by Cannock Chase Council.

Members have voted to lobby the Government about its plans to end the current ban on agency workers being brought in to cover for permanent staff during industrial action. The bill would also bring in restrictions on pickets and protests during strikes.

The council voted to support the TUC's campaign to protect the right to strike and write to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills stating its opposition.

Last chance call over war heroes

RELATIVES have until tomorrow to give permission for the names of some of the 120 First World War heroes which are engraved on the war memorial in Hednesford to be used for roads in a new housing estate.

The honour has been requested by Councillor George Adamson, leader of Cannock Chase Council.

The authority wants to contact relatives for permissionPeople can contact Tracie Clarke at Cannock Chase Council on 01543 462621 or email tracieclarke@cannockchasedc.gov.uk by 5pm on December 4.

Volunteers wanted to check out cells

VOLUNTEERS are needed to check the standards in which people are held in police custody.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is looking for members of the public who live or work in Staffordshire to carry out unannounced checks of cells. Inspections are made at police stations including Watling House Custody Facility near Gailey.

Call Jane Milgate 01785 232245 or visit www.staffordshire-pcc.gov.uk/independent-custody-visitors/

Don't forget Santa letters says centre

CANNOCK Shopping Centre is reminding shoppers that there is still time for children to post their wish lists to Santa at its special post box.

Those wishing to post their letters to Santa have until Sunday, December 13 before his little elves come and take them to the North Pole.

Santa is also reminding children that they must include their name, age and full postal address to ensure he can send a response back in time for Christmas.

Route at Rugeley

CHASE & District Group Ramblers will be going on a 5.5-mile easy walk at Rugeley and Mavesyn Ridware on Sunday. Walkers are asked to meet at Hednesford railway station car park, in Anglesey Street, for a prompt 9am departure. Call walk leaders Jean and Lorraine on 07896 436752 for details.

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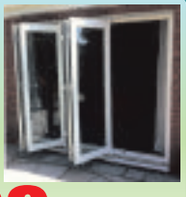

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Council's vision for theatre is revealed

EXCITING news for those of you who have been following the long-running story surrounding the Dudley Hippodrome. The council has now revealed its exciting new plans for the empty theatre.

Bright, sweeping, 'multi-functional' and gateway are among the surfeit of adjectives lavishly used to describe the new vision. And what is the new plan in question? Well you will be surprised to learn it involves another block-paving scheme.

What is it with councils and block-paving? Dudley has done pretty well with these fabled slabs in recent years. There has been the scheme in the market place, the 'civic square' in Stone Street, and the 'open-air theatre' in Coronation Gardens.

Then there's the scheme in Wolverhampton, where the council boasted it would increase 'footfall' – local authority speak for visitors – when all it seems to have done so far is caused traffic problems around the bus station and closed one of the city's oldest and nicest shops.

Look, I've got nothing against a bit of block-paving. Usually, it looks quite nice. But as a regeneration tool it is next to useless. Nobody ever comes into town to admire the floor surface.

And back to the Hippodrome. Now, I'm a realist, I know there's no magic money tree, and I don't expect the council to pour in millions of pounds. And if, in the six years since the council bought the theatre for £500,000 it had come up with an exciting scheme for the site, be it a new theatre, a museum or tourist attraction, then I would be all for it.

But having spent half a million on buying the theatre, the best ideas it has come up with have been a temporary car park, a conference centre and now an Alan Titchmarsh Ground Force project.

Could you imagine a private business spending this sort of money on a landmark building, not knowing what to do with it, and then knocking it down and paving over it?

The council hasn't revealed the cost of the 'bright, sweeping, multi-functional open space', but I would be surprised if it didn't run into seven figures. The market scheme cost £6.75 million, and of course there are the demolition costs, and the cost of maintaining all the shrubbery in the scheme. Money which would be better spent keeping the museum and art gallery open.

So here's a solution. The council bought the site at auction, why not do what any property developer with an abortive project would do, and stick it back in the auction? It might not get its £500,000 back, but sometimes you have to cut your losses. Let someone else have a go.

Could a private company make a go of the theatre? What else could it use the site for? I've no idea. But I bet if it was the developer's own money, it would not involve topiary and block-paving.

Wintry wonder – this atmospheric shot shows off John's skills

Petal perfect – nature forms a large part of the display

Depth of field – a scenic view among the collection

John's shots get the vote for own display

One of the photographs Councillor John Kraujalis will be displaying at the Museum of Cannock Chase

John Kraujalis with a picture selected for an open exhibition in 2010

HE is more likely to be found knocking on doors and asking for votes – so the people of Cannock may be surprised to learn that one of their local councillors is staging an exhibition of his photographs in the new year.

The display of colourful landscapes by Councillor John Kraujalis will be held at the Museum of Cannock Chase in Hednesford.

Staff saw a selection of his pictures and thought they were so professional they offered him his own one-man show in the main gallery.

The creative councillor said he was 'blown away' by the response.

He has been capturing scenic views, mostly around the Cannock Chase district, for almost 15 years simply for the pleasure of it.

Sky, land and water are on the agenda for a councillor putting on a photography exhibitiion. **MARION BRENNAN** reports

Describing himself as an enthusiastic amateur, he started taking pictures during holidays to the Lake District with his partner Linda. "It's so beautiful up there, I wanted to capture it and as I can't paint, I decided to take photographs," he said.

As his interest grew, he upgraded his equipment and now takes pictures on a Canon D7 camera worth around £1,000. "Now when I go on the Chase, I'm likely to time it so as to capture a good sunset," he said. Councillor Kraujalis, who represents Cannock South on the district council, also has a small photographic studio at home.

He happily owns up to using Photoshop and High Definition Resolution to enhance the pictures but says the real skill of a snapper is in the composition.

Opportunity

And although landscapes are his main interest, this year he started taking photographs of his political colleagues.

The general election saw him busily snapping their portraits.

Since then he has also been capturing events, such as the Armistice Day commemorations in Cannock, on his camera.

The 56-year-old Labour veteran said: "When it comes to taking pictures, I don't have a political bias. I will photograph Tories, Liberal Democrats and UKIP – they're all included.

"If a council photographer isn't available, I'll fill in if I can for the benefit of people that I know."

The exhibition came about after he contacted the museum with a view to having a small selection of his work exhibited in their coffee shop – an opportunity for which people must pay. But when staff saw the images, they offered to display them for free in the main gallery, much to his delight.

"I really was taken aback," he said. "It was very nice to think people thought they were of sufficient quality to do that. I'm sure a lot of other people will be surprised. They know me as a local councillor but I hope they will be pleased to see another side of me."

The exhibition, called Sky, Land and Water, opens on January 15.

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£115m plan backed as work brought forward

THE Mill Green designer outlet village in Cannock has overcome a number of objections, chiefly concerning traffic and loss of wildlife.

Road improvements, including the widening of Eastern Way and new zebra crossings, are being brought forward to ease traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

The development, said to be the largest of its kind in the West Midlands region, has been given planning permission after an application was submitted in February.

The development site

Due to the size of the centre, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government will now decide whether to 'call in' the scheme and consider the council's decision before allowing the development to proceed.

The £115 million Mill Green designer outlet village has been given the go-ahead

Council leader George Adamson said: "This is an important first step for this development. It will be fantastic news for the district if the Secretary of State supports this local decision.

If the development is allowed to proceed it will provide a huge economic boost to the area and will create up to 1,200 jobs, bring £100 million of private sector investment into the area, and the estimated three million visitors each year will significantly raise the profile of the district."

Councillor Gordon Alcott, portfolio leader for economic development and planning, said: "The proposal will bring in the shops that people have been asking for, for a number of years, with brands such as Boss, Calvin Klein, Paul Smith and Superdry which may feature in the outlet centre.

"It would also enhance the regeneration of the district with new jobs and investment.

Further

"I hope that most of the new jobs will go to people from the Cannock area and surrounding district, there will also be the opportunity for construction workers with up to 700 jobs being available during the construction phase," Councillor Alcott added.

The planning application by development partners Development Securities Plc and Rioja Developments envisages 130 designer outlet retail units, restaurants, a play area and visitor centre.

The catchment population for the proposed centre is 14.6 million people living within a 90-minute drive of the site. It is also expected that people from further away would visit.

If the green light is given for the development to proceed, the first phase could be open during 2018.

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KEN GRANT
Burntwood Lions

Wrong about this councillor

RE "Standard of living is all about priority" (Letters, November 19), how wrong can Jim Corke be about Councillor Paul Witton?

He always tells the truth. In my mind, there should be more of Paul Witton in the paper, not Jim Corke.

PAUL HARVEY
Cannock

Religion has a contradictory nature

HERE we are, in the 21st Century, on the brink of a Holy War. The very foundations of Western Civilization are threatened. How medieval.

The latest terrorist atrocity in Paris is truly shocking. The very nature of religious belief must surely play a part.

A belief in absolutes – in truth and morality, and the confusion of mythology and historical fact, all enshrined in holy texts can only be divisive and dangerous. Muslims believe Christians to be infidels and Christians condemn non-believers to eternal damnation.

Holy War would seem to be inevitable in a destabilised Middle East.

However, religions have inspired great works of art in magnificent architecture, paintings and great music.

Religion also contributes to the necessary moral foundations of many societies. This contradictory nature of religion is reflected in observations by both Marx and Buddha who both came to the same conclusion that 'reality is a fusion of opposites'.

There are no absolutes and no holy book holds the sole key to ultimate truths, for there are none. Religion can be a dangerous short cut to such illusions.

HAYDN GREENWAY
Cannock

Help to show the world some love

TO most, Christmas means spending time with the people we love, in the place we love best – our home, wherever that might be. But home means more than bricks and mortar or even friends and family.

Our planet is the home that every living creature shares with us, and if we want our loved ones to enjoy it for generations to come, we need to take better care of it.

It's absolutely shocking to think that in my lifetime global wildlife populations have declined by over 50 per cent and our forests and oceans remain at risk. If we actually stop and think about that, it's a real wake up call.

That's why I'm proud to be working with WWF to play my part and help make the planet number one this Christmas with my version of the classic hit 'What The World Needs Now Is Love'.

Show the world some love this Christmas by visiting worldneedslove.wwf.org.uk and tell me what you'd like to protect with #WorldNeedsLove

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I was happier in Sixties

HAPPINESS is not measured by material wealth ("Ordinary people have become much poorer", Letters, November 26). Personally, I was happier in the Sixties when jobs were plentiful and local and I didn't have the expense of buying a car. I could walk, bike, or catch the bus to work.

Only when Thatcher came along and smashed up Britain's industry did our dog-eat-dog ways start.

I am now 68 and not for any money would I take 16 again. This country stinks.

ROGER ALLEN
Great Wyrley

Misguided comments

ONCE again the Chronicle allows a local councillor to conduct his anti-government campaign in its pages.

I feel that Paul Witton and his misguided comments are getting boring.

Just to correct one point he made, Gordon Brown sold almost half of Britain's gold reserves for less than US$300 – shortly afterwards the price was over US$1900.

Mr Witton is obviously a very left-wing Labour councillor but I feel he should raise concerns when people can express different opinions and not hide behind the pages in a newspaper.

LDT
Heath Hayes

Thank you for helping

I WOULD like to thank everyone who came to my assistance when I had a fall.

It happened at the Cedar Tree on November 21. God bless you all for your kindness.

AGNES WOOD
Brereton

Debt has increased to point of no return

GRAHAM Wiggin accuses me of unscientific gobbeldygook, whereas the sciences of dialectical materialism, historical materialism and political economy, are intrinsically linked and complementary ("Progress over the years plain to see", November 26). National debt has always been the backbone of capital and a safe haven for profit. But that debt has now increased to the point of no return.

Even attempts to reduce the deficit are resulting in savage cuts to public services and the deficit is not the debt. To reduce the debt itself would result in cuts beyond imagination. The contradictions of capitalism can only be resolved when the creators of wealth own the means of producing it.

KEVIN WILCOX
Burntwood

We're throwing away massive investment

IN the May 2015 general election campaign, Labour and Tory candidates for Cannock Chase were photographed standing in front of Rugeley Power Station. Yet the only candidate to recognise that it would close because of the policies these candidates adopted was the UKIP candidate.

The UK is throwing away massive investment in coal fired stations whilst India and Germany rush to build more.

Our CO2 emissions are less than two per cent of the world total, yet we continue to crucify our industry on the altar of climate change falsehoods.

Coal mines, steel industry, now power stations – does nothing matter to Westminster? Local Labour and Tory politicians protest that closure is bad for the town, yet refuse to accept that it is the fault of their parties.

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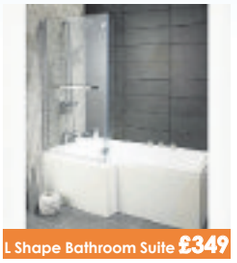

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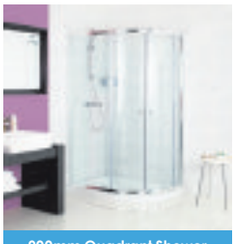

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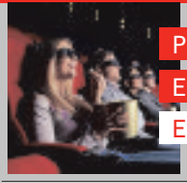

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‘Use local shops’ plea for Small Business Saturday

M-way operators Snap to it

From left Haiden Shirley, Snap member, Carole Turner, volunteer, Karen Johnstone, MEL Social Committee Member and Keegan Shirley, SNAP member

THE operators of the M6 Toll have donated funds to Special Needs Adventure Playground (Snap) in Cannock to buy a disability bike.

Snap, which has been running since June 2003, is a facility complete with outdoor adventure play equipment and a sensory room.

They provide a lifeline to families in Staffordshire who have children with special needs and disabilities, in addition to this they are also open for adults with special needs.

Midland Expressway Limited’s(Mel) Social Committee received a funding request from Snap in relation to the poor condition of their specially adapted bikes.

Karen Johnstone, Mel Social Committee member said, “Snap is a fantastic charity offering the chance for children with special needs to enjoy both outdoor and indoor activities which they would be unable to access anywhere else.”

To register your charity or community project with MEL for consideration to receive fundraising or practical (volunteering) support now or in the future visit www.m6toll.co.uk for further information or telephone 0870 850 6222.

RESIDENTS in Cannock Chase are being encouraged to ‘shop local’ on Small Business Saturday this weekend.

The annual event takes place on the first Saturday in December, but it is hoped that the campaign will have a lasting impact for small businesses.

The campaign is being supported by Cannock Chase Council, which says there is lots happening in Cannock, Rugeley and Hednesford on the day.

Cannock Shopping Centre will be hosting a fun day with entertainment in the indoor market between 10am and 2pm. The free entertainment will include a face painter, stilt walking, juggling, unicyclist, balloon modelling and the Owl Experience.

In Rugeley, there is a fun day with entertainment in the indoor market between 10am and 2pm. Free entertainment will include a comedy duo and a Find a Hero a Home stall. On every Saturday until December 19 and on Christmas Eve, Santa will be on stall 32.

Celebrate

Shoppers who spend more than £10 at any one stall during December can claim back their £1 car park fee.

Last year, the national campaign saw 16.5 million people shop in a small outlets on Small Business Saturday, with £504 million spent in such businesses on that day.

Councillor Diane Todd, town centre regeneration portfolio leader, said: “Small Business Saturday is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate and support the smaller independent shops in our town centres.”

South Staffordshire Council is also supporting Small Business Saturday, encouraging people to shop locally and use their local businesses for one day and into the foreseeable future. Local businesses taking part in the campaign can be found on the council’s website at www.sstaffs.gov.uk/sbs

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Stay Well campaign is backed by council

CANNOCK Chase Council is supporting the Stay Well This Winter campaign – and is urging vulnerable residents in the district to do all they can to protect themselves.

The campaign aims to reduce hospital admissions by encouraging the over-65s or those with long-term health problems to prepare for winter.

It offers advice on how to ward off common illnesses.

Launched by Public Health England and NHS England, the campaign urges the public to make sure they get a flu jab if eligible; keep themselves warm – if possible, homes should be heated to at least 18C (65F); seek help from a pharmacist at the first sign of feeling unwell, even if it is just a cough or a cold.

Extra

It also advises that prescription medicines should be obtained before pharmacies close on Christmas Eve, and that they should be taken as directed.

People are also asked to look out for others who may need a bit of extra help in the winter.

Meanwhile, more than three million two to six-year-olds will be included in the national flu vaccination programme as it is extended to children in school years 1 and 2. For the first time, all of the youngest primary school children will be eligible to receive the free nasal spray vaccine.

As in previous years, the adult flu vaccine will also be offered for free to those in groups at particular risk of infection and complications from flu. The groups being offered the adult flu vaccine are pregnant women, those aged 65 or over, those aged under 65 with long-term conditions, and carers.

Councillor Muriel Davis, portfolio leader for health and wellbeing, said: "Flu for many is an unpleasant illness but for those vulnerable people in the district it can be life-threatening. I would urge all those who are eligible for the free vaccine on the NHS to get vaccinated if they haven't already done so."

For more information, visit www.nhs.uk/staywell

By David Banner

Gallery display is a first for artist

Matt Sayers outside Theartbay Gallery where his paintings showing the Cannock of yesteryear are on display

OIL paintings showing the Cannock of yesteryear are on display in a Staffordshire art gallery. Matt Sayers, aged 35, of Milton Road, Cannock, launched his second major exhibition, Down Our Street, this month at Theartbay Gallery in Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent. It will run until December 19.

Mr Sayers said: "It been going well so far. I've noticed that my Facebook page has grown with a lot of people from Stoke – I'm taking my paintings of local areas in Cannock and Staffordshire and it's nice to see the reaction to them."

The artist, who is a warehouse manager and paints as a hobby, said he was most influenced by LS Lowry, and enjoyed bringing the past back to life with his paintings. "I like industrial scenes, old terrace houses and transport. I like adding in working class characters, gentlemen in flat caps and kids playing football in the street. I can relate to it a little bit – the sorts of things I did as a kid," he said.

He had an exhibition at The Museum of Cannock Chase this year, but this is the first time his work has been displayed in an art gallery. He said: "I'd love to be able to do it full time, that would be like a lottery win to me. It's great at the moment. I've had a successful exhibition at Cannock Museum, it went down well with the local community, some of whom even gave me ideas for more paintings."

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Police put shops on alert in wake of burglaries

THIEVES have targeted three shops in Cannock in four days, escaping with a £15,000 haul from Boots.

Police have put retailers on high alert after Boots on the Orbital Retail Park, Fluid Technologies in Norton Canes, and Sealine Fish Bar in Cannock, were all burgled.

At the Boots store, thieves forced open a fire exit at 11pm on Friday, November 20, taking away men's grooming products including electric razors and toothbrushes.

Over that weekend they broke into Fluid Technologies at the Apex Business Park, taking a valuable drill and forcing bosses to spend thousands on upgrading security. Then, on the Monday, Sealine Fish Bar in High Green, Cannock was targeted, with thieves making off with an empty safe.

Thieves raided Fluid Technologies

The Sea Line Fish Bar in Cannock

Burglars took goods worth £15,000 from Boots at the Orbital Retail Park

Upset

Police are not ruling out linking the three thefts, which followed a spate of house break-ins in Rugeley.

Boots store assistant manager Sue Bateman said: "I came in the next morning and everyone was just really upset by it. They mainly went for electrical goods. What they took was worth around £15,000.

"To think someone's been inside and done that is not a nice feeling. I definitely think it is because we are approaching Christmas. It always seems to get worse around this time."

Fluid Technologies at the Apex Business Park in Norton Canes was targeted when someone forced a door.

A £100 Makita drill was stolen and the firm has since spent £3,000 on security. Director Martin Cresswell said: "It was clearly kids who got through the door. We have had someone in and the door is now more secure. It cost about £3,000 to do that."

Sealine Fish Bar's temporary owner Helen Nikigina arrived to open up hours after it had happened. "I was just shocked," she said. "It's not just the burglary, I was scared to walk in, in case someone else was still there."

Police spokeswoman Sarah Davison said: "whether or not they are linked will form part of our investigation into the three burglaries."

In the wake of the incidents police have warned other businesses to be on their guard.

Georgia Cox, of the Brindley Honda car dealership in Walsall Road, said: "We received as message from Staffordshire Police to be aware of what has happened and telling us to lock up properly. We have not been targeted ourselves but we are taking extra precautions."

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Youngsters lift athletics trophy

CHILDREN from Chase View Primary School took part in the Indoor Athletics Festival at Rugeley Leisure Centre. Competing alongside all 14 of the local primaries, the children came out on top.

The winners' shield was presented to Lottie Sims, who was captain for the morning.

Other children taking part were Jay Sims, Jamie Tsang, Mason Withyman, Jack Wood, Leonie Ferguson, Lottie Sims, Oliver Hill, Lilly-Mae Lloyd, Georgia Silvester and Katie Hopley. All of the team are aged six.

Meanwhile, pupils in Year 2 have spent time in their Forest School, exploring the outdoor environment, and Year 4 pupils enjoyed a day out exploring the Roman city ruins at Wroxeter in Shropshire.

More paramedics to cope with festive season calls

WEST Midlands Ambulance Service will have more staff than ever in the run-up to the hectic Christmas and New Year period.

The service will be backed by more than 2,500 operational staff as bosses prepare for their most demanding time of year.

The workforce has been boosted by additional student and graduate paramedics.

West Midlands Ambulance Service received 1,436 calls last New Year's Eve and experienced its busiest day ever during December. Chiefs say the extra staff will be crucial in ensuring the service is able to cope during the festive season.

By Richard Guttridge

Emergency services director Craig Cooke said: "There is little doubt that the winter is likely to be an incredibly difficult one, so the fact that we have so many more staff joining our teams is great news."Director of workforce Kim Nurse said: "We are continuing to recruit additional paramedics and provide training for other staff to progress towards higher levels of clinical care which is good news for the individuals concerned, but also the public."

Chief executive Anthony Marsh told an accountability meeting in Stafford that the West Midlands service was not suffering staffing pressures that its counterparts elsewhere in the country were because it 'grew its own paramedics' rather than purely relying on university graduates.

He also said its larger workforce was the reason it was meeting its targets.

Scheme to keep teenagers safe

ACTIVITIES are being offered to 10 to 19-year-olds who live in or go to school in Burntwood and Lichfield as part of the 'Where is your child tonight?' campaign.

The project, run by Lichfield District Council with a number of agencies, urges parents to be aware of where their children are. Representatives from the partnership will be promoting the campaign at Burntwood Leisure Centre on Thursday, December 10, from 6.30pm to 8pm.

To find out what is on offer to young people across Burntwood and Lichfield, visit www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/positivefutures

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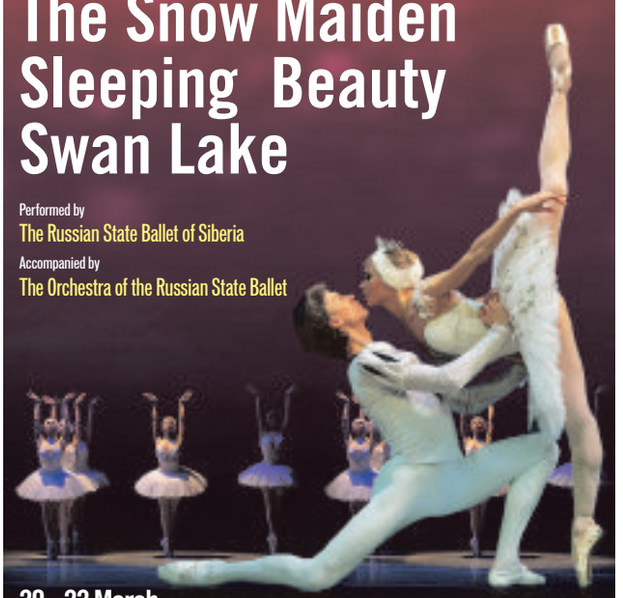

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Road closed after cars in collision

The two cars which were involved in the collision on Orbital Way in Cannock at the weekend

A CRASH involving two cars on a busy Cannock route closed the road for almost two hours, causing delays for motorists.

The collision between a silver Mercedes and a blue Skoda on Orbital Way shut off access to traffic heading towards Churchbridge on the southbound carriageway on Sunday.

Police, paramedics and fire crews were alerted at 11am. Both vehicles were badly damaged in the smash but the drivers and passengers escaped with only slight injuries.

The driver of the Mercedes was taken to New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton for precautionary checks.

Chief Insp Phil Fortune, of Staffordshire Police, said: "We received a call about a two-vehicle collision on the dual carriageway affecting traffic heading towards the Lakeside shopping plaza.

"When officers arrived, they found walking wounded and fortunately no life-threatening injuries. Just one of the drivers was taken to hospital with what appears to be a minor head injury, to have it checked out."

He said highways officers from Staffordshire County Council arrived at 12.30pm to lay sand on the spilt oil and make the carriageway safe before reopening it.

West Midlands Ambulance Service received the call to Orbital Way at 11.05am. Two paramedic area support officers attended in rapid response vehicles along with two ambulance crews.

The Midlands Air Ambulances from Cosford and Staffordshire were both assigned but were stood down before arrival.

Ambulance spokesman Chris Kowalik said: "A woman in her 60s, who was driving the Mercedes, had a head wound which was bandaged and she was taken to New Cross Hospital.

"A man believed to be in his 70s, who was driving the blue Skoda, was assessed at the scene.

"He was shaken but unhurt, and he didn't wish to go to hospital."

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Right royal collection of memorabilia

The Ridwares WI

THE September meeting of The Ridwares WI celebrated the centenary of the Women's Institute with a night of nostalgia at the movies with John Colley.

The ladies wore hats whilst enjoying wine and nibbles and the collection of extracts from Pathe News, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers and Busby Berkeley movies. The competition was for the best hat, which was won by Molly Astbury.

The speaker for the October meeting was Carl Smith who brought part of his extensive collection of royal memorabilia. He has collected some unusual pieces, including Kate and William tea bags and wind-up racing royals! The competition was 'Your favourite or unusual Doll' which was won by Anthea Smith.

A great day was had by all with a coach trip to Llangollen where a barge awaited at the wharf for a canal cruise, crossing the famous aqueduct, built by Thomas Telford.

The Group meeting at Abbots Bromley had a party atmosphere where, again, members came together to celebrate 100 years of the WI. Chris King entertained with a selection of Rat Pack songs and comedy.

The Harvest Lunch at the village hall was warmly supported by the community, who enjoyed home-made soups and puddings.

There is no meeting in December because of the Christmas party. The January 19 meeting will be on talking newspapers with John May.

Lighting up a life with moving service

Treasurer Trish Mellor, secretary Lyn Williams and chairman Janette Arrowsmith

Cannock Friends of St Giles

CANNOCK Friends of St Giles Hospice held a successful coffee morning at the home of their chairman Janette Arrowsmith. Everyone enjoyed coffee and home-made cakes, brought for and bought from the bring & buy stall, had an opportunity to try out beauty products from Tropic and took part in a 100 square raffle to win a De-Luxe box of Tropic products. The morning raised a wonderful £370.80.

A little of the money raised will be used to provide refreshments at the annual Light up a Life service organised by St Giles Hospice and the Cannock Friends' of St Giles at St Luke's Church in Cannock, which this year will be held on December. 13. The service begins at 6pm but the church will be open from 5.15pm.

There will be a change this year as everything will be contained within the church. The Book of Remembrance will be in the Lady Chapel and can be viewed before and after the service.

Free tea, coffee and biscuits will be available in the church following the service.

Cannock Friends are delighted that the service will again be enhanced by singers Bel Canto. It is always a moving service.

Turkey talk from guest speaker

Hayes Green WI

THE November meeting was very well attended, and after the usual formalities, Sandy Hobbs introduced the speaker Ian Rogerson, who had travelled through heavy rain from Leicester.

A retired butcher, his entertaining and informative address was entitled Turkey Talk and he gave many ideas and tips regarding the Christmas bird, using a large chicken to demonstrate jointing, carving etc.

The committee had prepared rolls plus trimmings etc. to accompany the cooked turkey breast brought along by Ian, and these were enjoyed by members during the break. The feather competition was won by Sandy, Sue and Diane, and the raffle was won by Barbara.

Forthcoming events include a visit to Chatsworth, the Christmas meal at Longford House and the group's own Christmas party with a 50s theme and entertainment by singer Wayne Tulsa.

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What the Bible teaches...

...about the devil. Death is God's punishment for sin, and sin is disobedience to His commandments. Jesus himself declared ***"out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies."*** [a] These are all contrary to God's commandments, and are therefore sins. God told Jeremiah ***"the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked...I, the LORD, search the heart...to give every man according to his ways."*** [b] 'The devil' is merely a personification of sin, and not some supernatural being. Sometimes we read of a 'satan' opposing God's will - but again, this is not a separate person, but anyone and anything that opposes God. We read in Chronicles that ***"Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel."*** [c] But the record of the same occasion in Samuel states that ***"the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel, and <u>He</u> moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah."*** [d]

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a Matthew 15 v 19
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Miner statue damaged in hit-and-run accident

A HIT-AND-RUN driver ploughed into a miners' memorial in Rugeley – installed two months ago – causing £5,000 worth of damage.

The vehicle smashed into one of the four concrete sculptures on the Globe Island, breaking one of its arms off, and also destroyed the town's Christmas tree.

The 9ft concrete sculptures on the roundabout are dedicated to the miners of Lea Hall and Brereton collieries and were installed at a cost of £55,000.

Artist Andy De Comym, who created the four sculptures which portray miners throughout the ages, said it could cost up to £5,000 to repair the damage.

"It is a real shame but thankfully I think the damage is repairable," Mr De Comyn said.

Tyre marks can be seen where the vehicle hit the miners' memorial in Rugeley

Worked

"I will try and repair it in my studio but it will be after Christmas and could take weeks as I will have to check for structural damage as well as repair the arm. I imagine there is £5,000 worth of damage. The people of Rugeley are so passionate and have really taken them to their hearts.

"It is such a shame this has happened when the island looked so beautiful for Christmas and they worked so hard to get this memorial in place."

Mr De Comyn is considering asking Cannock Chase Council to install bollards along the edge of the roundabout to stop it happening again. The miners' memorial took 18 months to create but now the damaged statue, representing one of the early colliery workers, will have to be removed.

The statue, which weighs up to 2,000kg, will have to be taken back to the studio. The statues recognise the town's once thriving mining industry and commemorate former pit workers including 115 pitmen who were killed while working underground. The sculptures were officially unveiled by council chairwoman Maureen Freeman in September. The launch was attended by more than 2,000 people.

It was first discussed four years ago that Rugeley should have a memorial. Alex Smith, secretary of Lea Hall & Brereton Collieries Memorial Society, who spearheaded the project, said: "We are just very disappointed.

"Any traffic accident can happen but this person just drove off. I am glad the driver is unhurt but we are very angry." The driver also flattened the town's Christmas tree, hours after the official lights switch-on, and traffic signs were mowed down.

A Staffordshire Police statement said: "The vehicle involved did not stop following the collision which occurred at around 2.15am on Saturday, November 28 on the island on Western Springs Road. The lower right arm of the statue was destroyed and part of a leg damaged. Anyone who may have witnessed the incident is asked to call Staffordshire Police on 101."

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Jack Bridgwood, kneeling, centre, in a Cannock rescue team

How our grandad returned from dead

"HELLO Myra, I'm home." The familiar voice caused Myra Bridgwood to turn round. And the sight that greeted her caused her to faint and the shock made her hair turn white.

It was Jack, her dead husband, or rather, the man who had been officially reported as being killed during the Gallipoli campaign of exactly 100 years ago. For months she had believed herself to be a widow.

"The first time my grandmother knew he was alive she was hanging the washing out," said Phil Bridgwood. "She turned to the voice she recognised, but could not believe it was Jack, at which point she passed out. Aunty Jean, my dad's sister, and my father both said that it was at that point that her hair went white overnight."

Why Jack would have just turned up at their Shropshire home without any warning, Phil does not know.

Jack died in 1973 and Phil, who is 61, remembers: "He was a man who was very gentle, a very warm character, and always had a sense of humour."

He tried without success to encourage him to talk about his experiences.

However, Jack had scars which told a story of themselves. "He had a large indentation in the left front of his skull. In high temperatures and high pressure due to the weather he would end up with severe headaches."

Grandson Phil Bridgwood

Jack's head wound is visible

A damaged photo of Jack

Miner

Phil, who lives in Baschurch, near Shrewsbury, has done research to find more about his grandfather's remarkable story.

Before the war, Jack had been a miner in the Hednesford area and became a member of a pit rescue team. After the war he was unable to work because of his injuries, and he and his wife Myra ran a shop.

As for his wartime experiences, Phil has contacted the Royal Welsh Fusiliers regimental museum and drawn on the increasing number of records available online. Jack – John Henry Bridgwood – was born in June1893 and joined the RWF in May 1915 and was sent to serve at Gallipoli.

As Phil understands it, he took part in an attack which broke into Turkish trenches, but was shot in the head. Items were then taken from him, including his identity disc, by whom Phil does not know, but conceivably by colleagues who thought him dead. There was then a Turkish counterattack which pushed back the British troops and reclaimed the captured trenches.

"My grandfather had a great love and respect for Australians and my father Ralph believed that it was Australians who, some time later, and we don't know how long, found him," Phil added.

He ended up in hospital in Malta and at some stage his skull was bored out to remove the bullet.

Gradually he regained his sight, the paralysis wore off, as did his amnesia, with the exception of memories of his early childhood. He was discharged as unfit for service in February 1917.

With his ordeals as part of a pit rescue team, and his survival during the war, Phil says: "He had a guardian angel.

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Players celebrate Davis Cup success

Sam Farnell, aged 19, James Clark, 14, James Perrin, 22, Alex Price, 14 and Eric Brindley, 59, took part in the tennis festival

A SPORTS club in Cheslyn Hay held a tennis tournament to mark the final of the Davis Cup, which saw Great Britain take the crown for the first time since 1936. Cheslyn Hay Tennis Club organised the event to showcase the sport at the same time as the weekend final of the tournament.

Thirty members took part, playing singles and double matches for red and blue teams. Members aged from eight took part in the festival to win points for their 'GB teams'.

The tennis club was formed in 2013 and Chris Perrin, aged 22, from Cheslyn Hay, is head coach. He said: "It was a great event to celebrate the Davis Cup. It was an inter-club event, with members playing against each other."

He added: "It was the first event we have organised like this and we wanted to do something to celebrate Great Britain reaching the final. We thought it would be a good idea for members and everyone really enjoyed the day before going to watch the final match."

Mr Perrin said the club would be looking to organise similar events in the future. The club play at Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre and members can practise on six floodlit courts. New members are always welcome at the club. To find out more, call Mr Perrin on 07969 829318.

Faulty TVs are seized from van on car park

A HAUL of faulty goods was seized by police searching a van in Cannock. The vehicle was parked on the Beach Hut car park at the rear of Toby Carvery on the A5 at Norton Canes.

Police officers investigating an unrelated matter found 15 wrapped television sets that appeared to be new but turned out to be old broken units.

By Lisa Wright

It is believed that the televisions were intended for sale from the rear of the van to unsuspecting members of the public. Residents have been warned not to buy items from the back of vans and are being urged to remain vigilant.

Sarah Davison, spokeswoman for Staffordshire Police, said: "During this type of scam the seller will show the victim a new, fully working television set and sell the item at a dramatically reduced price.

"Once the sale is agreed the seller will present the purchaser with a pre-wrapped television, only when the purchaser unwraps their new television they find an old broken worthless set, not the item shown to them. If you're offered any item for sale under suspicious circumstances, please decline and report it to police."

Inquiries are ongoing to trace those responsible for the vehicle and its contents.

Councillor Hyra Sutton, who represents Cannock West on the district council, warned that if something seems too good to be true, it usually is. She said: "I would warn everyone to be very careful when they buy anything, if it is not from a reputable store.

"It may seem like a bargain, and bargains can be very tempting for people who don't have much money, but you have no guarantee, and you don't know if what you are buying is faulty or dangerous."

Izzy got busy to win

Izzy Whieldon

IZZY Whieldon, aged 22, from Rugeley, won the Bomford Prize at the recent graduation prize-giving after being selected as the best student from all three business foundation degree programmes at Harper Adams University. "Izzy worked very hard to achieve a distinction in the FdSc Agri-Business programme," said Business Course Manager Pam Whitehouse. Izzy received her prize from Dr Geoffrey Davies.

Anger as HS2 cost increases to £55.7bn

THE price tag for HS2 high-speed rail line has jumped to £55.7 billion, it has been revealed.

The cost of building the track and trains will be increased from £50.1bn, it was announced in the Spending Review. Stop HS2 campaigner Joe Rukin said: "This shows we have been right all along and that spending on HS2 is spiralling out of control.

"The people in charge have no idea how to manage this project. It is a complete and utter waste of money.

"It is abysmal to be spending these sums of money when vital public services are being cut."

Chancellor George Osborne on Wednesday last week announced that the Department for Transport budget would be cut to achieve overall savings of 37 per cent by 2019-20

But critics were quick to say this would simply cover the increasing costs of HS2.

The announcement came as it emerged that 46 staff working on the planned high-speed railway earn more money than the Prime Minister.

Salary

Simon Kirby, the chief executive of HS2 Ltd, is the highest-paid civil servant in the UK on £750,000.

Jim Crawford, managing director of infrastructure, earns £393,000, while Sir David Higgins, the chairman, makes £242,400 for a three-day week.

In total, 46 staff earn more than the £150,000 paid to David Cameron, while 71 earn more than £100,000.

Total salary costs at HS2 Ltd are £37m for 626 staff, putting the average wage at the quango at £58,809 – more than double the £27,600 average UK wage.

HS2 is recruiting staff at the rate of one a day.

By Rob Golledge

Ben Ruse, lead spokesperson for HS2 Ltd, said the organisation needed to recruit high-quality staff because it was one of the largest infrastructure projects in Europe.

"In order to deliver a project of this scale and complexity, on time and on budget, we need to recruit the most capable team possible and the best expertise from around the world," he said.

More than £11bn in contracts are out to tender for HS2, which will run from London to Birmingham in the first phase; that phase is due to be completed in 2026.

At 2011 prices this was estimated to cost £21.4bn but inflation has taken the cost closer to £30bn.

The cost of the entire HS2 railway – including the trains and the phase-two link from Birmingham to Leeds and Manchester – is expected to be £70bn-£80bn.

The information was revealed by Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport Robert Goodwill MP in an answer to a written question from Cheryl Gillan, MP for Chesham and Amersham. The written answer also showed that 96 people, or 15 per cent of HS2 Ltd staff, are based in Birmingham. The rest are in London's Canary Wharf.

Call for 'more detail' on new budget plans

POLITICIANS and business leaders in Staffordshire have responded to the Spending Review.

Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis said 'more detail is needed' after George Osborne announced budgets for forces in England and Wales will be protected in real terms. It had been thought they could be cut by up to 20 per cent.

"The news from the Chancellor provides financial respite but makes it even more important to continue our investment in technology that makes policing even more effective," Mr Ellis said.

The county's education chief welcomed a commitment to address the disparities in school funding after hearing that a new formula will be in place from 2017.

County council cabinet member Councillor Ben Adams said: "This reform has the potential to make a significant difference to Staffordshire pupils."

Chris Plant, divisional director for Chase Chamber of Commerce, said: "A lack of affordable housing supply is a big issue for business, impacting on their ability to recruit and retain talent.

"It's therefore reassuring that the Chancellor is prioritising housebuilding on a national scale."

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Mark sets a higher standard

RUNNER Mark Vaz has stepped up a gear in his latest mission to complete 400 marathons in a year – by tackling 100km in one day.

The Penkridge window cleaner, who has run 130 marathons in as many days, completed the mammoth route through Staffordshire on Saturday.

Meanwhile, he is launching a beginners' fitness group in January. It will feature one-to-one sessions and running training.

He said: "One of the things I really wanted to do when I started running marathons was to encourage other people to get involved in running."

Mark, aged 31, aims to run a marathon every day for a year to raise funds for the Tommy's charity and Katharine House Hospice in Stafford. Sessions run Mondays and Thursdays at The Boat pub, Penkridge.

Business in groom offer

THE Dog Groomer in Penkridge are offering a £5 discount on either a full groom, or their popular 'Wash and Go' Service, on Saturday.

Owner David Williams said: "As a new small independent family owned business dedicated to serving the local area, we're keen to get involved in Small Business Saturday.

"This is because we understand the importance of supporting local businesses."

Toy soldiers lead the charge at sale by fetching £5,800

A COLLECTION of lead toy soldiers was sold for more than £5,800 at auction.Split over 90 lots, the private assortment were made mainly by the renowned Britains brand.

The soldiers triggered significant interest from collectors at the auction held by Cuttlestones, which has sales rooms in Penkridge and Wolverhampton.

By Rob Golledge

The Royal Horse Artillery Gun and Team set sold for £176.25, while two unopened Britains' boxed sets featuring The Coldstream Regiment of Foot Guards Field Musick achieved £117.50. A second batch of lead figures from the same collection was going under the hammer this week.

The entire collection achieved a total of £5,805.68.

Sticking with the military theme, a selection of rare and interesting medals was also snapped up at the auction. A George VI Military Medal caused a stir with the hammer eventually falling at £1,410. A First World War Military Medal Group of Four sold for £940 and a number of other high sellers saw the medals featured on the day raise a combined total of £3,630.75.

The highest grossing single lot of the day was a large 19th Century photograph album of a 'Grand tour of the east coast of America and Canada' dated 1874 to 1876 by Hope Edwards. Prior to sale, there had been much interest in the form of condition report and high-resolution photographs requests from potential buyers. The album eventually went to an internet bidder for £2,232.50.

Also of interest to collectors in the days leading up to auction was a large collection of early 20th Century postcards divided into several lots and featuring scenes from across the West Midlands.

Bidding for the postcards reached frantic levels, with much activity coming via the internet. In total, the lots raised a combined £1,838.88 with the majority going to a local collector.

Elsewhere, an early 20th Century Wolves postcard made £493.50 and an array of finance documents were sold for £528.75.

The Britains boxed set of Royal Horse Artillery Gun and Team – £176.25

19th Century photo album of the east coast of America and Canada – £2,232

George VI Military Medal (MM) – £1,410

Farm gets ready for attraction

PENKRIDGE'S Lower Drayton Farm is getting ready to welcome visitors to its Winter Wonderfarm attraction.

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The attraction will open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from tomorrow, December 4, to December 20. It will also be open on Monday, December 21, Tuesday, December 22 and Wednesday, December 23.

To book, log on to www.lowerdraytonfarm.co.uk

Group to hold sleigh launch

PENKRIDGE Round Table's new sleigh will be launched in the town centre on Saturday.

Then the following day, the group will start its Santa tours of Penkridge, Wheaton Aston, Acton Trussell, Bednall, Lapley, and Huntington.

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Proud day as Stephen's tree lights up the town

Event organisers Joanne Jarvis, left, and Sharon Whitchurch, both of Burntwood, with guest of honour Lee Woodward

BURNTWOOD has been lit up in a sky-high tower of yellow lights, bows and thumbs in memory of Stephen Sutton.

Our Tree For Stephen was organised by two fundraisers, and hundreds of people braved the weather to see the annual lights switch-on in the town.

The tree, at Sankey's Corner, helped to raise more than £1,300 for the Teenage Cancer Trust, the charity Stephen raised money for before he died after losing his battle with cancer aged 19.

Organiser Joanne Jarvis said: "To see everyone gather together has made me very emotional and very proud." Joint organiser Sharon Whitchurch said: "It's beautiful to see."

Charlotte Scott, 40, watched the switch-on with her daughter and said: "It's important for Stephen's memory." Sarah Jelley watched with her children Finn, 10, and Alfie, four. She said: "I hope it's a tradition that lives on as its lovely way to bring everyone together."

The lights were switched on by Councillor Pamela Stokes and fundraiser Lee Woodward.

Mr Woodward said: "For me, it marks the start of Christmas."

Memory – Stephen Sutton

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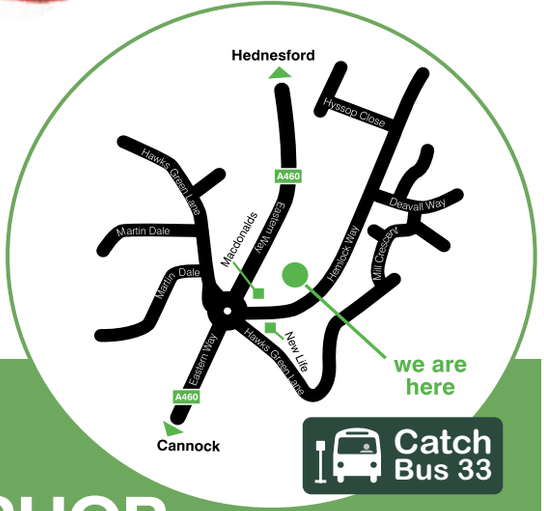

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Fire service carol festival

STAFFORDSHIRE Fire and Rescue Service's Family Festival of Carols is to take place at Lichfield Cathedral on Sunday. Local children will take part in the nativity play, and the Lichfield Cathedral Chamber Choir will also perform. Vice-Dean and Canon Dr Anthony Moore will preside over the service, and there will be mince pies and tea and coffee available afterwards. The free event is open to everyone who would like to attend. To book a place at the service, which starts at 6pm, email Nicky Westwood at n.westwood@staffordshirefire.gov.uk or call 01785 898979.

NHS staff assaulted 2,300 times in one year

THERE have been more than 2,300 physical assaults on NHS staff in the West Midlands region in the last year. Nationally, there were 67,864 in 2014-15.

The figures from NHS Protect show that many of the attacks were the result of 'medical factors' by people who did not know what they were doing due to illness, treatment or severe learning disability.

By Mat Growcott

South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust had a total of 638 assaults, 628 with medical factors, 10 without. Head of communications Martin Evans said: "We often deal with very vulnerable and distressed people but importantly our de-escalation of violence training helps our staff defuse potentially violent or aggressive situations."

At the University Hospital of North Midlands NHS Trust, there were 252 assaults – 77 with medical factors, 175 without.

Progress

The Walsall Healthcare Trust had 155 assaults in total, 124 of which had medical factors and 31 without.

Amir Khan, medical director, said: "We do not tolerate acts of violence and aggression towards our staff, who work extremely hard to deliver care in challenging circumstances, and we fully co-operate with West Midlands Police to ensure that staff who are victims of assaults are supported to progress with prosecutions, if they wish to do so."

Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership had a total of 260 assaults, all of which had medical factors.

Marsha Ingram, director of people and corporate development, said: "Whilst we recognise that some of our staff work in challenging environments, we do take any incidents of physical assault very seriously.

"Maintaining the health and wellbeing of our staff is paramount, and we continue to offer support and training to minimise risk."

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust suffered a total of 109 assaults, 82 of which included medical factors and 27 without.

The Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust, which runs New Cross, reported a total of 102 violent incidents.

Of those assaults, 77 were the result of medical factors and 25 were without.

There were 340 assaults at Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, 306 with medical factors and 34 without.

Chief executive Toby Lewis said: "We actively encourage staff to report all incidents of physical assault so that we can put measures in place to address safety and security."

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust reported a total of 120, 48 with medical factors, 72 without.There were 325 assaults at Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust, all with medical factors.

Council to rule on application for office block

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

Chasetown Civil Engineering Ltd, Pool Road, Burntwood – demolition of offices and 1 & 3 Church Street and erection of office block and associated works.

146 Ogley Hay Road, Burntwood – single-storey side extension to form garden room and new chimney.

Windward, Mill Lane, Hammerwich – single-storey rear extension to form kitchen and bedroom with en suite and new pitched roof to garage at front.

60 School Lane, Burntwood – rear extension to form kitchen, dining room, snug, bathroom and bedroom with en suite.

170 Lichfield Road, Burntwood – two-storey side extension to form lounge and bedroom with en suite.

Grass verge at Pool Road/Burntwood Way, Burntwood – erection of post-mounted non-illuminated welcome sign. Grass verge at Lichfield Road/Norton Lane, Burntwood – erection of post-mounted non-illuminated welcome sign.

13 Boney Hay Road, Burntwood – side extension to form bedroom with en suite, parking area and extended dropped kerb.

Comments must be received by December 14.

Get rocking around on a Christmas spree

THE COUNTDOWN to Christmas features festive treats for music fans in Birmingham and the Black Country.

The Courteeners comes to Wolverhampton Civic as part of a sold out UK tour

Welsh rockers Sterephonics have a December 11 gig at the Genting Arena

First up, tonight (Thu) The Courteeners continue their rise with a gig in Wolverhampton that's been upgraded from the Wulfrun to the Civic Hall due to public demand for tickets.

The band, who recently put out an expanded edition of their 2014 top three album Concrete Love (subtitled Extra Love), will be playing the Civic as part of a sold out UK tour.

The group from Middleton, between Rochdale and Manchester, are crowning their most successful year to date with a new Christmas song, the soaring seasonal Winter Wonderland by frontman Liam Fray. Profits from sales of the track will be donated to help the homeless via charity Shelter.

Fans of hard-hitting dance music with a punk attitude will be flocking to the Barlclaycard Arena in Birmingham city centre tonight for the return of The Prodigy, who achieved their sixth consecutive chart-topping album with The Day Is My Enemy this year. Don't be late, because support comes from the mighty Public Enemy.

Birmingham's Duran Duran are back with a new album, Paper Gods, but expect Rio and other old favourites when Simon Le Bon and co play the Genting Arena at the NEC tomorrow night (Fri). Veteran rock fans will be out in force for Status Quo at the Barclaycard Arena on Saturday with their Accept No Substitute UK winter tour. Support comes from R&B guitar great and remarkable survivor Wilko Johnson.

Relish a rock band at the peak of their powers when Stereophonics let rip with C'est La Vie, I Wanna Get Lost With You and other tracks from their recent Keeping The Village Alive and 2013's hugely successful Graffiti On The Train albums at the Genting Arena on December 11. The Welsh outfit fronted by Kelly Jones have a reputation as one of the best live bands on the music scene with their no-nonsense raw rock approach.

Monsters of rock Def Leppard and Whitesnake join forces at the Genting on December 12 and then the smooth soul sounds of Simply Red will be heard at the Genting on December 13 and 15, with support from Natalie Imbruglia. Then it's time for a megastar when Madonna hits town on December 16 to play the Barclaycard Arena as part of her Rebel Heart Tour.

One of the best party atmospheres is likely to be at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on December 19 when Stourbridge indie band Ned's Atomic Dustbin have organised the inaugural Kill Your Television Festival, and will treat fans to the band's first new song for 21 years, in anticipation of the gig.

The Neds have performed numerous sell-out shows at the venue in recent years. Tickets for the gig, which will also feature The Wedding Present, The Primitives and Eat, plus a return for legendary indie club night Blast Off, are still on sale.

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Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 2.30pm, 7.30pm, £10 - £19.50
Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, WV1 1DE. Call 01902 573320

Dynamo
Wed at 8pm, Thu at 8pm, £33.20 - £99.70
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COMEDY

Ed Byrne: Outside Looking In
Wed at 8pm, £19 - £21
Lichfield Garrick, WS13 6HR.
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Thu at 8pm, £19 - £21
Wolverhampton Wulfrun Hall, WV1 1RQ.
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Fri at 10.30am,
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Check out full listings in **the ticket** in Friday's Express & Star

Dream of a Grand White Christmas

WITH weather forecasts threatening the white stuff and yuletide fast approaching, festive favourite, White Christmas, staged by South Staffs Musical Theatre Company, has arrived at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre.

The musical opened this week and continues through to Saturday with nightly performances at 7.30pm, plus a 2.30pm matinee on Saturday.

Irving Berlin's classic Christmas offering, which became a 1954 movie starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney and Vera Allen, is a relatively new stage adaptation for amateur performance.

The score includes a host of well-known songs including Count Your Blessings, Let Yourself Go, Happy Holidays, Blue Skies, I Love A Piano and, of course, the title song.

Simon McGee from Lower Gornal is playing Bing Crosby's character, Bob Wallace. "It was a fantastic feeling when I found out I had got the part of Bob Wallace in White Christmas," says Simon. " I mean, to play the male lead in this wonderful show at Christmas is the icing on the cake in a very special year for me.

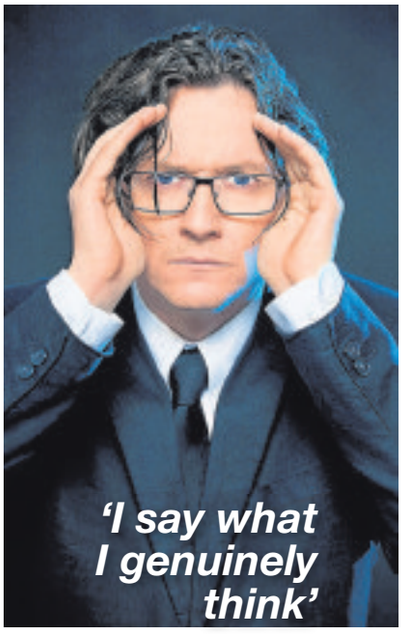
"It has been an amazing experience, but very challenging, especially the dancing. I think I have lost a stone in weight during the gruelling regime that our choreographer, Maria Shee has put us through.

"I love playing opposite Lexie Bennett who plays Betty Hayes, Rebecca Haydon who plays her sister, Judy, and my cheeky chappy partner in crime, Luke Renwick who plays my sidekick, Phil Davis. We have had such a good giggle during rehearsals."

Rebecca Haydon and Lexie Bennett star in White Christmas at the Grand Theatre

Lexie Bennett plays Bob's reluctant love interest, Betty Hayes, with Rebecca Haydon as her sister Judy. The girls have had great fun with their roles and in particular have enjoyed singing the classic duet Sisters complete with huge feather fans.

With tap dancing, superb score, heart-warming storyline, snow falling on stage and on the audience, and a huge Christmas tree, who could ask for more? Call 01902 429212 or visit www.grandtheatre.co.uk



Family life inspires Ed

MOCK the Week star Ed Byrne is an established touring favourite, and despite his youthful looks the Irishman recently marked up 20 years as a comic.

His latest show of observational comedy, Outside, Looking In, is at the Wulfrun Hall in Wolverhampton next Thursday (December 10) before the tour returns to the West Midlands at Birmingham Town Hall on February 19.

The new show covers a wide range of subjects – from a gastric illness to UKIP – but he talks a lot about his family. It's his most personal yet.

"I didn't make a conscious effort to write a more personal show, but that was what was coming out when I started writing it," Ed says.

"People come to see me for a laugh and I would like to think they go away thinking the show is quite heartwarming. A lot of comics may talk about the same stuff, but what makes it mine is that what I'm saying is what I genuinely think on this subject, and I try to make it as funny as I can. I think we all mine our lives to some degree or other."

Ed is adamant that he will keep his two young sons out of the celebrity spotlight, but in Outside, Looking In, he shows a picture of one of his sons — the denouement of a bittersweet story about buying new shoes – which not only illustrates it perfectly, but produces an "Aaaah" moment.

"I'm aware that they haven't given me permission to talk about them and that there will come a point when I can't," Ed says. "I talk about them in pretty abstract terms, because what I'm discussing is the act of parenting, and you can't talk about that without mentioning your own children."

Music and laughter will rock the Robin

JAZZ and funk fans will be heading for Bilston's Robin 2 venue on Sunday for a rare Midlands appearance by American vibes player Roy Ayers and his Band. On stage at 8.30, Ayers has had R&B hits and been an inspiration to both acid jazz and hip-hop scenes.

Other tasty gigs at the Mount Pleasant venue include The Jam's bassist Bruce Foxton in the From The Jam Sound Affects Show tomorrow (Fri). Metal legends Tygers of Pan Tang on Monday, and the comedy genius of Neil Innes with his Beatles parody The Rutles on Tuesday. Wednesday sees the return of Worcestershire rock 'n' roller Mike Sanchez & The Portions.

Dynamo bringing his first live tour

TV magician Dynamo is bringing his Seeing Is Believing show to Birmingham Barclaycard Arena for five consecutive nights from Wednesday. He has added an extra performance at 2.30pm on December 12.

The hip street magician from Bradford, real name Steven Frayne, has amazed viewers with stunts that have included walking on water on the Thames and levitating above London skyscraper The Shard.

Dynamo says: "I am hoping that like I did for magic on TV, I can reinvent the live magic show and produce something fans have never seen before. "

Tickets start from £37.25.

Guy decides to get busier at 40

TAKING a break from his day job as the frontman of Ramsbottom's finest alternative rock quartet Elbow, Guy Garvey will be at the O2 Academy Birmingham tonight (Thu), touring in support of his debut solo effort, the critically-acclaimed Courting The Squall.

Why a solo album? He says: "I'm pretty sure it was the 40 thing. Around 40, I thought, I'm officially a middle-aged man. I should do more work. There should be more output than 10 songs every two years. I flung myself at it. There's a vastness to Elbow records, in places, almost a regal thing. This record is more rough and ready."

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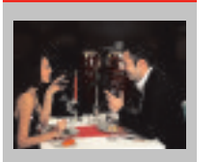

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Discerning and well-Red

With a bounty of exotic dishes to choose from, **MARK SHIPP** found India Red restaurant was the hottest ticket in town

"WE know there's competition, but if everyone knows their palate and knows their own food, they will tell the difference."

So says Zub Ahmed, proprietor of the India Red Restaurant in Hednesford. Having been there for 12 years, Zub and his restaurant have become established fixures.

But, with a cluster of Indian restaurants within such a short distance, he knows he has to stay ahead of the game to keep his regular customers happy.

With that in mind, the menu is changed on a regular basis to offer new dishes, while the chef is known for either creating new lines or putting his own stamp on traditional ones.

And, it's fair to say that the 110-seat restaurant is doing very nicely for itself, thank you.

The outside view of India Red restaurant, which can be found at 44, Market Street, Hednesford

The tasteful decor on show with seating available for over 100

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It was a busy night in the Market Street premises when my partner and I ventured out. We had to wait a while for our meals, but that was no problem. The best things come those who wait, they say, and I always believe that quick service does not always represent the best quality. On this occasion, the food really was worth the wait. And there was enough left over for a mini-feast the following day.

Seating downstairs at India Red is provided for couples or small parties, while upstairs tends to cater for the larger groups. As it is open plan, however, my better half did comment on how noisy it might be.

Decor-wise India Red is tastefully done, with background music that one tends not to notice as it does little to drown out the general hubbub from the diners.

Minor quibbles aside, the food is the main attraction. The poppadoms were moreish, but served only to whet the appetite for what was to come. We were asked to try out a range of starters, and other menu items we had not ordered found their way to our table. Generous, and obviously done to impress.

But while appreciated, it was also unnecessary as we felt suitably plenished. And we'd already been impressed by the fare.

Zub explained that his Bangladeshi chef had served eight years at India Red, but was always looking to improve on standards. He even took the time, despite the hectic evening, to explain some of the methods and ingredients behind some of the dishes.

Take the malai kufta, for example, meatballs in a sweet and spicy cheese sauce. It contains yoghurt and honey to give it that sweetness, and perfectly offset the Amritsar chicken, with its hidden kick due to garam masala and panch puran mix.

That was just a taster. The menu comprises traditional dishes and India Red specials, but the beauty is that each dish is colour-co-ordinated according to the heat factor, from a sweet and creamy grey to a red vindaloo hot.

My other half didn't need to worry about her tried and trusted makhani chicken, while I stepped into the unknown for the salmon surprise, the twist being that it actually wasn't a curry – and it came with chicken, in tiny pieces, added to a bed of mashed potatoes. Not what I was expecting. Good, though, but without a curry it was dry, so the beef haleem – a newcomer to the menu – was a welcome accompaniment. And what a curry that was. It was mild, but had a tangy taste, emanating from its mix of spices, sugar and vinegar. Worthy of a visit for that alone.

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Stephen Mulhern

Catchphrase Celebrity Couples Special (ITV, 5.45pm)

The latest series of Stephen Mulhern's revived version of the classic game show comes to a conclusion with a Catchphrase first. Although Mulhern has presided over six star-studded one-offs during his two-year tenure, this will be the first celebrity couples special. He invites This Morning presenters Eamonn Holmes and Ruth Langsford, comedian/actors Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer, and former Westlife singer Brian McFadden and his now ex-wife, Irish model Vogue Williams, to 'say what they see'. The famous duos attempt to correctly identify popular phrases based on illustrative cartoons, in the hope of score enough points to win a cash prize for their charity of choice.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Simply Nigella. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **1.00** Live Snooker: UK Championship. Coverage of the first semi-final from York. **4.30** Final Score. **5.20** Celebrity Mastermind. (R) **5.50** BBC News.

6.00 Regional Programme.

6.10 Pointless Celebrities. Peter Ratcliffe, Jeff Salmon, Jacqueline Gold, Richard Farleigh, Tim Campbell, Saira Khan, Michelle Mone and Declan Curry take part in a business-themed edition of the quiz.

7.00 Strictly Come Dancing. The six remaining couples take part in routines celebrating popular musical numbers from the stage and screen, with the two least successful pairs facing a dance-off tomorrow.

8.00 Doctor Who. The Doctor faces a bittersweet homecoming as, betrayed and trapped, with both his hearts broken, he demonstrates just how far he would be willing to go if someone took everything he cared about from him. With his quest to reach Gallifrey seemingly over, the Time Lord engages his own people in a struggle that will take him to the very end of time itself, but who is the mysterious "Hybrid" mentioned in the Gallifreyan prophecy? And just what was it the Doctor left behind as his "confession"? Peter Capaldi stars in the series finale, but will return later this year alongside Alex Kingston's River Song for the traditional Christmas special. Last in the series.

9.05 Casualty. The onset of winter and harsh conditions give some people a chance to come together, but also threaten to tear others apart. Medical drama, starring Amanda Mealing.

9.55 The National Lottery Live. Ore Oduba presents as the all-important winning numbers are revealed.

10.05 BBC News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches; National Lottery Update.

11.55 The Apprentice. (R)

12.55 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.10 Race to Super Bowl 50. (R) **7.00 Film:** The Amazing Mr Blunden. (1972) Children's fantasy, starring Laurence Naismith. **8.35 Film:** Beverly Hills Chihuahua. (2008) Comedy, with the voice of Drew Barrymore. **10.00** Ronnie's Animal Crackers. (R) **10.30** Ronnie's Animal Crackers. (R) **11.00** The Wonder of Animals. **11.30** Animal Park. (R) **12.00** My Life on a Plate. (R) **12.45** Len and Ainsley's Big Food Adventure. (R) **1.30** Len and Ainsley's Big Food Adventure. (R) **2.15 Film:** Saboteur. (1942) Alfred Hitchcock's thriller, starring Robert Cummings. **4.00** Flog It! Trade Secrets. **4.30** Live Snooker: UK Championship. Further coverage of the first semi-final from York. **5.30** The Great Pottery Throw Down. (R)

6.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring orders Wilson to bring the platoon back from a grudge match against the ARP wardens' darts team and get the men back on parade. The captain then takes a call warning of a suspected terrorist in Walmington-on-Sea and decides to deal with the situation himself. Comedy first broadcast in 1970, starring Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier. (R)

7.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. Hazel Irvine introduces coverage of the second semi-final from the Barbican Centre in York, as the tournament widely regarded as the second-most prestigious on the calendar continues. Last year's semi-finals saw Ronnie O'Sullivan, Stuart Bingham, Judd Trump and Stephen Maguire battling it out for a place in the showpiece match. O'Sullivan narrowly defeated Bingham and Trump overcame Maguire to set up a mouthwatering clash between two of the sport's most charismatic characters. With commentary by Steve Davis, Ken Doherty and Stephen Hendry.

10.00 QI XL. Extended edition. Noel Fielding, Ross Noble and Colin Lane join regular panellist Alan Davies as host Stephen Fry asks a range of unusual questions on the topic of kit and kaboodle.

10.45 Film: Glory. (1989) Oscar-winning fact-based historical drama about the first all-black regiment to fight in the American Civil War. Starring Denzel Washington, Matthew Broderick and Morgan Freeman.

12.40 Film: Come As You Are. (2011) Comedy drama, starring Tom Audenaert. **2.25** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.30** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Super 4. (R) **7.40** Adventure Time. **8.00** Marvel Avengers Assemble. **8.30** Thunderbirds Are Go. **9.00** Jessie. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.25** Countrywise. (R) **10.55** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.00** ITV News; Weather. **12.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.10** Judge Rinder. (R) **2.15** Doc Martin. (R) **3.20 Film:** E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial. (1982) Sci-fi fantasy, with Henry Thomas. **5.30** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** Catchphrase Celebrity Couples Special.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special. Bradley Walsh invites Kaye Adams, Mark Bright, Jayne Torvill and Richard Arnold to take on ruthless quiz genius the Chaser in an attempt to win thousands of pounds for charity.

8.00 The X Factor. The would-be stars face the sixth and penultimate round of nerve-racking live performances. As ever, Simon Cowell, Nick Grimshaw, Rita Ora and Cheryl Fernandez-Versini are on hand to judge the contestant's abilities with the mic, and presenters Caroline Flack and Olly Murs offer the singers much-needed moral support on-stage. Following today's show, the least successful contestants face another tense sing-off tomorrow, after which one unlucky act will be eliminated, leaving the finalists to progress through to the contest's last round next weekend.

9.30 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec present the celebrity challenge and reveal which celebrity has fallen at the last hurdle, before they crown the King or Queen of the Jungle on tomorrow night's show.

10.35 The Jonathan Ross Show. American actor Burt Reynolds, and Star Trek and Mission: Impossible star Simon Pegg join Jonathan in the studio. Includes music by guests Coldplay.

11.40 ITV News; Weather.

11.55 The Chase. Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)

12.45 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The King of Queens. (R) **6.35** The King of Queens. (R) **7.00** The King of Queens. (R) **7.25** The Grid. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. **11.55** The Big Bang Theory. **12.25** The Simpsons. (R) **12.55** The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Sandown Park and Aintree. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.35** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.05 Come Dine with Me. Stephen Drew hosts the final dinner party in east Kent, and plans to spend a lot of time entertaining his guests during the Ab-Fab-themed evening, before the winner is announced. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 The Great Polar Bear Feast. Documentary charting the extraordinary gathering of polar bears that occurs every year in early September off the Arctic coast of Alaska. Up to 80 bears congregate on the frozen shores of Barter Island near the Inupiat village of Kaktovik, where they feast on the remains of hunter-harvested bowhead whales. Polar bears are typically intensely solitary creatures, so this behaviour is highly atypical.

8.00 The World's Weirdest Weather. Featuring icy waves in the Arctic, earthquakes in England, floods, exploding rocks and lights in the sky that coincide with seismic activity. (R)

9.00 Film: Non-Stop. (2014) Premiere. An air marshal on a transatlantic flight receives mysterious messages in which an anonymous terrorist threatens to kill one passenger every 20 minutes unless a ransom is paid. He searches the plane for the criminals responsible, but his investigation is threatened when he is framed as being the mastermind behind the plot. Action thriller, starring Liam Neeson, Julianne Moore and Lupita Nyong'o.

11.10 TFI Friday. (R)

12.10 Film: The Descendants. (2011) **2.10** Fargo. (R) **3.15** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.20** River Cottage Bites. (R) **5.35** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **5.40** 1001 Things You Should Know. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **8.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **9.30** The Saturday Show. **11.30 Film:** A Christmas Promise. (2015) Romantic drama, starring Patrick Muldoon. **1.15 Film:** Hats Off to Christmas! (2013) Romantic drama, with Haylie Duff and Antonio Cupo. **3.00 Film:** A Snow Globe Christmas. (2013) Premiere. Festive fantasy, starring Alicia Witt. **4.50 Film:** The Christmas Spirit. (2013) Premiere. Fantasy, starring Nicollette Sheridan.

6.35 5 News Weekend.

6.40 Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. Comedy clip show featuring pranks gone wrong, unwise acts and failed attempts of misplaced ambition.

7.05 Ultimate Police Interceptors. Highlights of the documentary following the work of a specialist pursuit team using an array of high-performance cars equipped with technology for catching law-breakers. (R)

8.05 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. In Bedfordshire, agents Paul and Steve try to evict a community of travellers who have set up home in a private car park, however they receive a hostile response and must react to prevent the situation from spiralling out of control. Elsewhere, Stewart and Elmore chase a debt of over £3,000 in Merseyside, and in East London, Paul and Steve attempt to evict a Romanian family who stopped paying rent seven months ago. Plus, Stuart and Vic try to recover £5,000 owed by a forklift truck company after an agreement went sour. (R)

9.00 Football League Tonight. Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's top matches, as well as all the goals from the Championship, League One and League Two, including Leeds United v Hull City at Elland Road.

10.30 Live International Boxing. Lenny Daws v Ruben Nieto. Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the bout for the European Super Lightweight title, which takes place at Westcroft Leisure Centre in Carshalton, Surrey.

12.00 Film: Reservoir Dogs. (1992) Thriller, starring Harvey Keitel. **1.45** SuperCasino. **3.10** Dino Autopsy: T-Rex. Investigating the anatomy of the dinosaur. (R) **4.50** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 World's Craziest Fools **7.30** Don't Tell the Bride **8.30** Top Gear **9.30** Live at the Apollo **11.00** Family Guy **1.15** Rent a Cop **1.45** Josh **2.15** Live at the Apollo **3.00** World's Craziest Fools **3.30** Josh **4.00** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Empire of the Seas: How the Navy Forged the Modern World **8.00** Britain's Outlaws: Highwaymen, Pirates and Rogues **9.00** The Bridge **11.00** Catching History's Criminals: The Forensics Story **12.00** I'm Not In Love: The Story of 10cc **1.00** Top of the Pops: 1980 **1.40** The Old Grey Whistle Test: 70s Gold

ITV2

11.15 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **12.15** The Xtra Factor **1.20** The Hot Desk: Fleur East **1.30** Scorpion **2.25 Film:** The Polar Express (2004) **4.20** You've Been Framed At Christmas! **4.45** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **5.50 Film:** Lost in Space (1998) **8.20 Film:** Back to the Future Part II (1989) **10.35** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.35** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **12.35** Viral Tap **1.20** Crazy Beaches **1.45** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.10** Animal Practice **2.30** Meghan Trainor: The Hot Desk **2.40** Teleshopping

ITV3

12.55 Film: Carry On Screaming (1966) **2.55** A Touch of Frost **5.00 Film:** Columbo: Now You See Him (1976) **6.55** Doc Martin **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Foyle's War **12.05** A Touch of Frost **2.00** On the Buses **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

1.40 Storage Wars: New York **2.45 Film:** The Secret War of Harry Frigg (1967) **5.00** The Car Chasers **6.00** Fifth Gear **7.00** Storage Wars: Texas **8.00** River Monsters **9.00 Film:** Texas Killing Fields (2011) **11.10 Film:** We Were Soldiers (2002) **1.55** The Big Fish Off **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.00 Couples Come Dine with Me **2.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.30** The Goldbergs **3.30 Film:** Astro Boy (2009) **5.15** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** The Simpsons Movie (2007) **9.50** Gogglebox **12.00** The Inbetweeners **1.00** The IT Crowd **2.00** First Dates **3.00** Rules of Engagement

Film4

11.00 The Three Stooges (2012) **1.00** Rat Race (2001) **3.10** The Cat Returns (2002) **4.45** The Rocketeer (1991) **6.55** One Day (2011) **9.00** Immortals (2011) **11.10** Stoker (2013) **1.10** The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets' Nest (2010)

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SUNDAY'S TV DECEMBER 6

CHOICE

Declan Donnelly

I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!
(ITV, 9pm)
Ant and Dec present the final of the 15th series, as the last famous faces left in the camp face the last challenges in the Australian jungle. Viewers' votes will decide who has been this year's favourite contestant, and when the results are in, this year's king or queen of the jungle will be crowned, before the last handful of contestants return home. The presenters will be catching up with the contestants later in the week for a special follow-up show as they return to normal life after the hardships of the Bush. Last in the series.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.25** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Fern Britton Meets Linford Christie. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Escape to the Country. **1.45** FA Cup Final Score. **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.50** The Hunt. (R) **5.50** BBC News.

6.10 Regional Programme.

6.20 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison and Joe Crowley take a tour of some of Scotland's most remote scenic areas, visiting Britain's highest road, which runs 2,000 feet above sea level, meeting a couple who have made a new life as crofters, and discovering a fish that could solve all the salmon industry's problems. Plus, Tom Heap reports on the rising number of traffic accidents on rural roads and Adam Henson examines how straw may be the key to the UK's future energy production. Including Weather For The Week Ahead.

7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal the results of last night's musicals themed episode and another couple is eliminated.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents the show from the Queen's private residence at Balmoral, where items brought in to be valued include a ceramic pot made by Pablo Picasso.

9.00 The Hunt. How predators hunt in coastal waters, where everything is in constant motion and opportunities have to be taken quickly. Featuring dolphins, octopuses and fishing wolves.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action between Newcastle United and Liverpool at St James' Park, as the Magpies looked for a win to move them up the table.

11.20 Citizen Khan. Amjad's mother threatens to solve her son and Shazia's housing problems by taking them with her to live in Bradford, while Mr Khan becomes convinced his grandson is psychic. (R)

11.50 The Graham Norton Show. (R)

12.35 Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.40 BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.00** Big Dreams Small Spaces. (R) **8.00** Countryfile. (R) **9.00** An Island Parish: Falklands. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Len and Ainsley's Big Food Adventure. (R) **11.45** Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Live Snooker: UK Championship. Coverage of the opening session of the final from York.

6.00 Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights. Action from the weekend's second-round matches, as the remaining sides from League One, League Two and non-league football looked to make it to round three and potentially lucrative games against Premier League or Championship opposition. Standout ties in this round included Hartlepool United's trip to Salford City – part-owned by former Manchester United stars Gary and Phil Neville, Paul Scholes, Ryan Giggs and Nicky Butt. Elsewhere, 2008 winners Portsmouth met Accrington Stanley, and Rochdale played Bury in an all-League-One affair.

7.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the concluding session of the final from the Barbican Centre in York, as the tournament widely regarded as the second-most prestigious on the calendar comes to an end. Ronnie O'Sullivan won the title last year but is not taking part this time around, having been advised by doctors not to compete on the professional tour until the debilitating insomnia he has been suffering from improves. With a commentary team including Dennis Taylor, Stephen Hendry and Steve Davis. Subsequent programmes are subject to change.

11.00 Film: Brooklyn's Finest. (2009) Three Brooklyn police officers face contrasting personal dilemmas as their careers converge at a single moment. Crime thriller, starring Richard Gere.

1.05 Sign Zone: Countryfile. Artist Matt Sewell shows Ellie Harrison how he captures the character of birds, and John Craven visits a seed bank in Shropshire that is trying to preserve endangered trees. (R) **2.00** Holby City. Arthur and Morven struggle to rekindle their friendship after clashing over patient care, while Dom is distracted by a patient that he has fallen for. (R) **3.00** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.30** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Super 4. (R) **7.40** Matt Hatter Chronicles. **8.00** Marvel Avengers Assemble. **8.30** Fish Hooks. **8.45** Fish Hooks. **9.00** Jessie. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.35** ITV News; Weather. **12.45** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.50** The Chase. (R) **2.55** The X Factor. (R) **4.30 Film:** The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor. (2008) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Brendan Fraser.

6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Jekyll and Hyde. Part one of two. Robert struggles to control his transformations, and joins forces with a vigilante to investigate a series of strange killings in exchange for Ravi's freedom.

8.00 The X Factor. Caroline Flack and Olly Murs present the results of the weekend's viewers' vote, deciding which acts will be eliminated and who will be performing in next week's final.

9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec present the final of the 15th series, as the last famous faces left in the camp face the last challenges in the Australian jungle. Viewers' votes will decide who has been this year's favourite contestant, and when the results are in, this year's king or queen of the jungle will be crowned, before the last handful of contestants return home. The presenters will be catching up with the contestants later in the week for a special follow-up show as they return to normal life after the hardships of the Bush. Last in the series.

10.35 ITV News; Weather.

10.50 Premiership Rugby Union. Action from the latest round of fixtures in England's top flight, including Worcester Warriors v Leicester Tigers, Harlequins v London Irish and Wasps v Exeter Chiefs.

11.50 Off Their Rockers. The hidden-camera show continues. (R)

12.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The King of Queens. (R) **6.35** Challenge Mallorca. **7.05** World Superbike Review of the Year. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.45** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.10** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.40** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.10** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.35** The Simpsons. (R) **3.05** The Simpsons. (R) **3.35 Film:** Journey to the Center of the Earth. (2008) Fantasy adventure, starring Brendan Fraser. **5.25 Film:** The Jungle Book. (1967) Premiere. A boy raised by animals finds his life threatened when a tiger returns to his jungle home. Disney animated adventure, with the voices of Phil Harris and George Sanders.

7.00 Channel 4 News.

7.30 World's Weirdest Homes. Charlie Luxton presents a guide to 20 of the most unusual residences ever built, before revealing what he considers the weirdest house on Earth. Residences featured include a skip that provides living space for an artist, a rotating house, a plane in the middle of a forest, a converted nuclear missile silo, a perfect replica of the family home from The Munsters, a summerhouse by a frequently flooding river and an apartment block that looks like a giant snake.

9.00 Homeland. The CIA agents put their plans into action, but the German foreign intelligence agency BND also has an operation of their own that is about to be completed. Thriller following a team of CIA agents, starring Claire Danes.

10.05 Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)

11.05 Film: The Five-Year Engagement. (2012) A couple decide to get married, but unexpected changes in their lives keep them from making it to the altar. Romantic comedy, starring Jason Segel, Emily Blunt and Rhys Ifans.

1.15 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. This Morning hosts Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby join the comedian for his entertainment chat show, packed with sketches, topical discussion and audience participation. (R) **2.10** Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners. (R) **3.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **5.05** Location, Location, Location. House-hunting in Liverpool. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.15** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.30** Tickety Toc. (R) **6.40** Zack and Quack. (R) **6.50** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.20** Little Princess. (R) **7.30** Pip Ahoy! (R) **7.50** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.30** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **8.45** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **8.55** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.10** LazyTown. (R) **9.40** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.15** Football League Tonight. (R) **11.40** The Gadget Show. (R) **12.45 Film:** Christmas Mix. (2014) Premiere. Romantic comedy, starring Haylie Duff. **2.30 Film:** Call Me Claus. (2001) Christmas family drama, starring Whoopi Goldberg. **4.20 Film:** Santa Who? (2000) Santa Claus crashes his sleigh and loses his memory. A youngster tries to help him beat the amnesia in time for Christmas. Family comedy, starring Leslie Nielsen.

6.10 Film: Bruce Almighty. (2003) God tires of a down-on-his-luck reporter's constant complaining, so passes on His powers to give him a taste of ultimate responsibility. The newsman falls in love with his extraordinary abilities – but a never-ending stream of incoming prayers and his ambitious attempt to please everyone soon prove there is more to the job than meets the eye. Comedy, starring Jim Carrey, Jennifer Aniston and Morgan Freeman.

8.10 Film: Bulletproof Monk. (2003) A mysterious Tibetan monk is entrusted with protecting an ancient and mystical scroll. As modern-day Nazis seek out the relic in a bid to resurrect the Third Reich, the monk searches for a suitable successor to take over his task – and a pickpocket is the unlikely choice. Martial arts thriller, starring Chow Yun-Fat, Seann William Scott, Jaime King, Victoria Smurfit and Karel Roden. Edited for violence.

9.55 5 News Weekend.

10.00 Film: Django Unchained. (2012) Premiere. An escaped slave becomes a bounty hunter and fights to rescue his wife from a sadistic plantation owner. Quentin Tarantino's Western, with Jamie Foxx and Christoph Waltz.

1.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Don't Tell the Bride **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **9.30 Film:** 8 Mile (2002) **11.15** Family Guy **12.00** American Dad! **12.25** Family Guy **12.45** Josh **1.15** People Just Do Nothing **3.15** Josh **3.45** Sunny D **4.00** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Concerto at the BBC Proms **7.25 Film:** Pina: Legend of Dance (2011) **9.00** The Golden Age of Steam Railways **10.00 Film:** Easy Money (2010) **12.00** Britain's Natural World: The Unnatural History of London **1.00** Britain's Deadliest Rail Disaster: Quintinshill **2.00** Horizon: Are We Alone in the Universe? **2.50** Natural World: Polar Bears and Grizzlies – Bears on Top of the World **3.40** Close

ITV2

11.00 The X Factor **12.35** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **1.35** You've Been Framed Christmas! **2.35** Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas **3.35 Film:** The Polar Express (2004) **5.35** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **6.40 Film:** Back to the Future Part III (1990) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** You've Been Framed At Christmas! **10.35** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.35** Plebs **12.35 Film:** The Faculty (1998) **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3

12.50 Film: Columbo: Now You See Him (1976) **2.50** Rosemary & Thyme **3.50** Wycliffe **4.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Sunday Night at the Palladium **8.00** Lewis **10.00 Film:** The Constant Gardener (2005) **12.30 Film:** Till Death Us Do Part (1969) **2.25** Wycliffe **3.20** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

ITV4

11.35 Shed and Buried **1.35** Pawn Stars **3.25 Film:** The 'Burbs (1989) **5.30 Film:** Blues Brothers 2000 (1998) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00 Film:** Kull the Conqueror (1997) **11.05 Film:** Daylight (1996) **1.20** Ray Mears' Close Encounters **2.15** Ax Men **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.35 Film: City of Ember (2008) **2.25** Couples Come Dine with Me **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Rush Hour 3 (2007) **10.45** The Inbetweeners **11.50** The IT Crowd **12.55 Film:** The Sitter (2011) **2.30** How I Met Your Mother

Film4

1.00 Kiki's Delivery Service (1989) **3.10** Porridge (1979) **5.00** The Dark Crystal (1982) **6.50** The Three Musketeers (2011) **9.00** '71 (2014) **10.55** An Officer and a Gentleman (1982) **1.25** Summer in February (2013) **3.50** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Lucky Christmas, Channel 5, 3.45pm
A single mother struggling to make ends meet thinks her problems are solved when she wins the lottery, only to lose the ticket before she can claim the money. A greedy construction worker offers to help her get it back in exchange for a share of the winnings, only to fall for her while they search for it. Romantic drama, with Elizabeth Berkley. (2011)

TUESDAY
A Bride for Christmas, Channel 5, 3.45pm
A woman swears off serious relationships after breaking off her third failed engagement, only to run into a man who seems perfect for her a month before Christmas. However, she does not realise he has made a bet with his friends that he can persuade a woman to marry him before the holiday begins. Romantic drama, with Arielle Kebbel. (2012)

300, Friday, ITV, 10.40pm

WEDNESDAY
Holiday Help, Channel 5, 3.50pm
A single mother is broke and desperate to get a job so she make her daughter's Christmas a happy one. With the help of an angel, she gets a position at a department store and meets the love of her life. Festive romantic drama, starring Alicia Witt. (2014)

THURSDAY
The Christmas Shepherd, Channel 5, 3.45pm
A widow is devastated when the German shepherd that is her only companion runs away. The dog ends up at an animal sanctuary, and is adopted by the kindly owner and his daughter. When the original owner finally tracks it down, she faces a hard choice between remaining alone and separating the animal from its newfound happiness. Drama, starring Teri Polo and Jordyn Ashley Olson. (2014)

FRIDAY
300, ITV, 10.40pm
Leonidas, fearless king of Sparta, leads 300 of his finest warriors into battle against the invading armies of the ruler of the Persian empire. As the outnumbered Spartans fight for their country, his queen, Gorgo, tries to rally support for her husband at home. Fantasy action adventure, starring Gerard Butler. (2006)

Will Variety prove to be the spice of life?

It's been going since 1912, and even its name harks back to an earlier age of entertainment, but never let it be said that the Royal Variety Performance doesn't move with the times.

This year, the show boasts its youngest ever host, comedian Jack Whitehall, who at 27 is no one's idea of a grizzled showbiz veteran.

However, that doesn't mean he doesn't have the experience to helm such an occasion – he's become something of a Royal Variety regular.

He says: "Having been lucky enough to perform for Prince Charles and Prince William in previous years, I look forward to the opportunity of sailing a little too close to the wind in the presence of Prince Harry this time round."

He added: "It's my third time on the show and I still am yet to perform in front of The Queen, she must be really desperate not to see my act."

In addition to amusing the royals, Whitehall has also co-written and starred in the sitcom Bad Education, which follows teacher Alfie Wickers.

However, tonight, the comedian's own ability to keep excitable teenagers in check may be put to the test, as there's at least one act on the bill who should get the younger audience members screaming.

They may have recently announced their plans to take an extended break, but all-conquering boy band One Direction are still taking to the stage at the Royal Variety Performance, and they'll be joined by their fellow X Factor graduates Little Mix.

But while there's definitely a youthful element to tonight's proceedings, older viewers needn't worry that the organisers have instituted a Logan's Run-style policy of only booking the under-thirties. As ever, the show offers something for everyone.

If the members of One Direction and Little Mix want advice on how to make sure they are still being invited back to the Royal Variety Performance in 30 years time, they could always ask Elton John, who is also on the bill.

Speaking of music survivors, there's also a rare appearance from Jeff Lynne's ELO. Other music stars include pop princess and honorary national treasure Kylie Minogue, alongside Ricky Martin, the Corrs, The Killers frontman Brandon Flowers, Josh Groban and American country singer Kacey Musgraves.

If you prefer your songs with added jazz hands, there'll also be show tunes from the cast of Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's multi-award winning musical Mary Poppins, and British soul sensation Beverly Knight performs a number from the record-breaking musical Cats.

There's comedy from Chris Ramsey, Romesh Ranganathan and Matt Forde, who provides a political round-up of the year (although given that the show was actually recorded on November 13, there may be some recent events missing).

Cirque Du Soleil provide an spectacular acrobatic act, the cast of Olivier Award 2015 winners The Play That Goes Wrong will be hoping everything goes right, and, in what is becoming a new Royal Variety tradition, there's also an appearance by this year's Britain's Got Talent victors, Jules, Matisse and Friends.

The Royal Variety Performance 2015, Tuesday, ITV, 7.30pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Las Vegas with Trevor McDonald
ITV, 9pm
According to the popular slogan ëwhat Happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas'. That might work for tourists who are visiting for a wild weekend, but what about the people who actually live and work there? Trevor McDonald is about to find out as he looks beyond the casinos and bright lights to learn the truth about life in ëSin City'. Among the people he meets is a former high-class call girl, who at the height of her career was earning $2million a year, and now runs a safe house for prostitutes who are trying to escape the clutches of violent pimps. Meanwhile bail bondsman Jon talks about his dangerous line of work, and the temptations of all those casino. Trevor also meets one of the city's most famous residents, former World Heavyweight Champion Mike Tyson, who discusses his experiences of winning and losing big, and reveals why he's now unlikely to be found on the city's famous Strip.

TUESDAY
8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special
Channel 4, 9pm
Jimmy Carr hosts a festive edition of the comedy panel show's version of the popular and long-running words-and-numbers quiz. Regular team captains Sean Lock and Jon Richardson are joined by guests Johnny Vegas and Katherine Ryan to provide more comic innuendos, festive surprises and laughs aplenty. Countdown's resident lexicographer Susie Dent takes her usual place in Dictionary Corner with David O'Doherty, while mathematics whizz Rachel Riley is on hand to provide the letters and numbers.

WEDNESDAY
Prey
ITV, 9pm
Last year, this crime drama debuted with an engrossing story starring John Simm as a detective on the run after being framed for his wife's murder. Now it's his Life On Mars co-star Philip Glenister who takes the lead, playing prison officer David Murdoch. While escorting a female prisoner to hospital, his life spirals out of control. David receives a mysterious phone call in which the life of his heavily pregnant daughter is threatened, and must find a way to protect her – even if it means putting his own existence in jeopardy. Meanwhile, DS Susan Reinhardt is charged with finding him – and working out why David is acting so out of character. Rosie Cavaliero, Sammy Winward and MyAnna Buring co-star.

BBC Music Awards, Thursday, BBC1, 8pm

THURSDAY
BBC Music Awards
BBC1, 8pm
Chris Evans and Fearne Cotton host the second BBC Music Awards, live from Birmingham's Genting Arena, celebrating a year of musical achievement. Performers include One Direction, Ellie Goulding, Jess Glynne, Little Mix, Hozier, Mumford & Sons and Omi. Artist-producer Jack Garratt is crowned BBC Introducing Artist of the Year and throughout the evening, four other awards will be presented.

FRIDAY
Citizen Khan
BBC1, 8.30pm
Mr Khan enters the Great Sparkhill Bake Off, intent on scooping top honours with his version of the lemon drizzle inside-out cake. Meanwhile, storm clouds gather on the domestic front as Mrs Khan worries that Alia's new boyfriend sounds too rough and needs a good talking to - roping her husband and son-in-law Amjad in to do her bidding. She also makes a discovery that forces Mr Khan to quiz Alia about every father's worst nightmare.

Piers Morgan's Life Stories
ITV, 9pm
Timothy West joins the host to look back on a five-decade career as one of Britain's best-loved actors. The former EastEnders star speaks candidly about his 52-year marriage to Fawlty Towers actress Prunella Scales, and the impact of her battle with dementia on their lives. He also reveals the trauma of his first wife's mental health problems, and how he finally made peace with his daughter after several years of estrangement. On a lighter note, Timothy also reflects on his role at the wedding of Prince Charles and Camilla Parker-Bowles, and the time he toured the set of Coronation Street – disguised as former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev.

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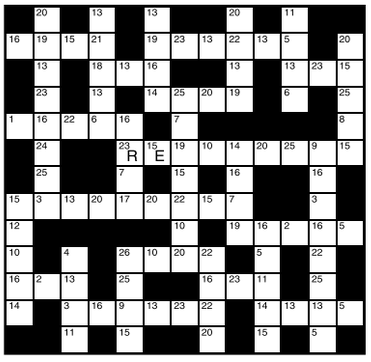

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

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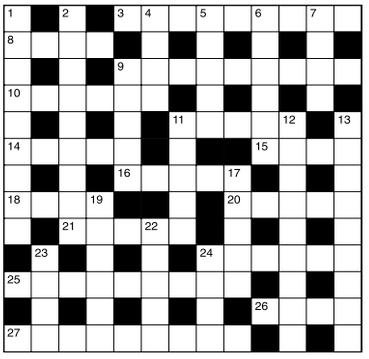

Cryptic Clues:

Across

3. Guidance provided by the board? (9)
8. Breed that may be rare (4)
9. It had short popularity in the fashion-world! (4-5)
10. Emotion shown by love in little ways (6)
11. In a way age is some protection (5)
14. They join the course (5)
15. Out of gear! (4)
16. Kind of support a painter may need (5)
18. Puts out a seat and has a meal (4)
20. What could be finer to imply? (5)
21. Noted thing to climb (5)
24. More than a capital district (6)
25. Diagrammatic form of catechism (9)
26. A whole chapter may be devoted to him (4)
27. Agreed on a fresh kind of drink (9)

Down

1. Screw-driver (9)
2. They may click at dances (9)
4. Is first and last a goddess (4)
5. Pick the literary section (5)
6. Dupe to act as an usher (4,2)
7. Involved in a row, Rosa is upset (4)
9. Small creature with nothing to think about (5)
11. Set sail on Eastern passage (5)
12. Presumably he looks forward to getting on the board (4-5)
13. The object wasn't far from causing an accident (4,5)
17. Flower I ring up about (5)
19. Hide or show (6)
22. Set out for a holiday (5)
23. Not a sign of a fatal wound! (4)
24. This piper has a youthful following (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

3. Theorise (9)
8. Leave out (4)
9. Burial (9)
10. Steps (6)
11. Drift (5)
14. Mar (5)
15. Period (4)
16. Indiscretion (5)
18. Repair (4)
20. Scoundrel (5)
21. Postpone (5)
24. Impressive (6)
25. Digger (9)
26. Incline (4)
27. Assuredness (9)

Down

1. Odious (9)
2. Narrow-minded (9)
4. Writes (4)
5. Unobstructed (5)
6. Dirge (6)
7. Melody (4)
9. Pastoral poem (5)
11. Come to point (5)
12. Camouflaged (9)
13. Cleansing (9)
17. Mistake (5)
19. Go away (6)
22. Decree (5)
23. Spindle (4)
24. Humour (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Dock; 3 Remember; 8 Cole; 9 Speaking; 11 Baby-carriage; 13 Landor; 14 Strain; 17 Call for order; 20 Adroitly; 21 Stop; 22 Treasure; 23 Arid. Down: 1 Duckbill; 2 Caliban; 4 Export; 5 Emaciation; 6 Being; 7 Rags; 10 School ties; 12 Intrepid; 15 Auditor; 16 Bowler; 18 Agree; 19 Part.
QUICK - Across: 1 Cede; 3 Precious; 8 Ness; 9 Spinster; 11 Exasperation; 13 Spread; 14 Starve; 17 Indisputable; 20 Combined; 21 Tell; 22 Endanger; 23 Type. Down: 1 Converse; 2 Despair; 4 Report; 5 Constitute; 6 Outdo; 7 Sure; 10 Apparition; 12 Reveille; 15 Robbery; 16 Sphere; 18 Nomad; 19 Acme.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. The flag of which American state bears the legend 'December 7, 1787'?
2. In which year did Jamaica become independent?
3. What was the middle name of inventor Thomas Edison?
4. What does the French expression 'hors de combat' mean?
5. Which country did Margaret, Maid of Norway, rule between 1286 and 1290?
6. Who was the first Democrat American president?
7. In the Bible, who was the wife of Ahab?
8. What nationality is author Ngugi wa Thiong'o?
9. Which bird's Latin name is Passer domesticus?
10. In which year of the 1970s was the Suez Canal reopened?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 A variety of fennel; 2 Hamilton; 3 International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; 4 Sewing machine; 5 Danzig; 6 Dutch (koolsla); 7 A vent in or near a volcano; 8 Walter Gropius; 9 1975; 10 Toronto.

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Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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64552 gives silk net.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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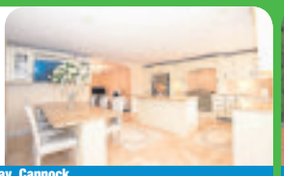

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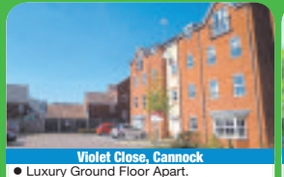

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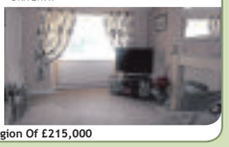
- FULL WIDTH CONSERVATORY
- DRIVEWAY



Offers in the Region Of £215,000

REDUCED

Lower Lodge Park, Rugeley

- Park Home For sale
- Low maintenance Gardens
- Central Heated
- Double Glazed
- One large bedroom (formerly a 2 bed)
- Lounge, Dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Wet-Room

Offers in Excess of £92,950

Shelley Close, Armitage,

- FOUR BEDROOM FAMILY HOME
- MUCH IMPROVED THROUGHOUT
- CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION
- CONSERVATORY
- MODERN KITCHEN
- LOUNGE, DINER
- UTILITY, CLOAKROOM
- EN-SUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM

Offers in Excess of £240,000

The Laurels, Rugeley,A two bed-

- TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW
- KITCHEN
- SHOWER ROOM
- RECEPTION ROOM
- COMMUNAL GARDEN
- COMMUNAL PARKING

Offers in the Region Of £115,000

Hindley View, Rugeley,●● Atten-

- One Bedroom apartment
- Ground Floor
- Kitchen, Lounge
- Shower room
- Ideal FIRST PURCHASE OR INVESTMENT
- Modern- NHBC GUARANTEE
- ALLOCATED Parking
- No chain

£89,995

Shugborough Road,

- INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY
- I NEED OF MODERNISATION
- 3 BEDROOM
- 2 RECEPTIONS
- 1 BATHROOM
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE GLA\ZING
- GARAGE

SOLD!

Lanrick Gardens, Rugeley,Much

- THREE BED BUNGALOW
- CONSERVATORY
- SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
- QUIET CUL-DE-SAC
- MUCH IMPROVED THROUGOUT
- MODERN KITCHEN BREAKFAST ROOM

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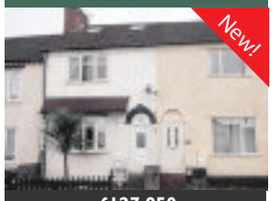
Stafford Street
Heath Hayes

New!

- Traditional Semi Detached House
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- EPC = TBA

Offers around
£120,000

Church Hill
Hednesford



£127,950

- Three Bedroom Traditional Terraced
- Dining Kitchen
- Living Room
- Loft Room
- Separate Garage
- EPC = TBA

Longford Road
Cannock

Guide price £115,000

- Auction T&C's Apply
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Perfect For Modernisation
- Living Room/Diner
- Good Size Plot & Parking
- EPC = TBA

Anson Road
Great Wyrley

Guide price £60,000

- Auction T&C's Apply
- Two Bedrooms
- Ideal For First Buyers
- Rear Garden
- Investment Opportunity
- EPC = TBA

Princess Street
Chadsmoor

Guide price £70,000

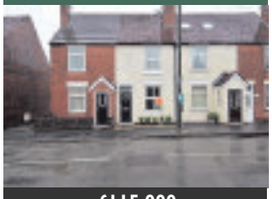
- Auction T&C's Apply
- Two Bedroom Semi Detached
- Lounge/Diner
- Off Road Parking & Rear Garden
- Double Glazing & Gas C/H
- EPC = E

High Street
Cheslyn Hay

£125,000

- Traditional Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC = TBA

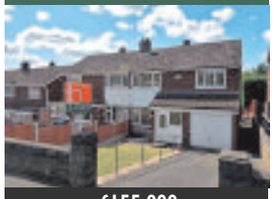
Old Fallow Road
Cannock



£115,000

- Ideal First Time Buyer Home
- Two Bedroom Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Rear Garden & Parking
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- EPC = E

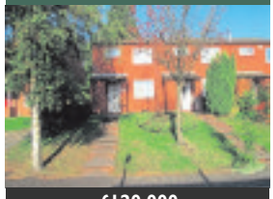
Burgoyne Street
Hednesford



£155,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Lounge Diner
- Downstairs WC
- Large Rear Garden
- Garage
- EPC = D

Beau Court
Cannock



£120,000

- NO CHAIN
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Ideal for FIRST TIME BUYERS
- Spacious Property
- EPC = TBA

Burns Street
Cannock

£140,000

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Kitchen Diner
- Full Width Conservatory
- Corner Plot
- Forecourt Parking
- EPC = E

Ford Way
Rugeley

£165,000

- Ideal Family Home
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Kitchen Opening To Conservatory
- Lounge & Study
- Off Road Parking & Garage
- EPC = D

Charnwood Close
Hednesford

£160,000

- Three Bedroom House
- Fitted Kitchen & Utility Room
- Lounge
- Ample Storage Space
- Driveway
- EPC = TBA

The Poplars
Cannock

£120,000

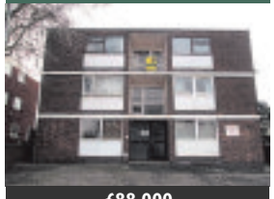
- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Living Room/Diner
- Designated Parking
- EPC = D

Cowley Green
Hednesford

£159,999

- Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Refitted Wet Room
- Conservatory
- Driveway With Ample Parking
- EPC = D

Wolverhampton Road
Cannock



£88,000

- Town Centre Location
- Well Presented Two Bed Apartment
- Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Parking To Rear
- No Upward Chain
- EPC = E

Rosebay Meadow
Heath Hayes

£130,000

- No Chain & Refurbished Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Popular Location
- Off Road Parking
- Semi - Detached
- EPC = TBA

Woodford End
Chadsmoor

£62,500

- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Ideal For Investor Or FTB
- One Bedroom
- Spacious Accommodation
- Parking and Garage
- EPC = C

Rawnsley Road
Hednesford

£110,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazed
- EPC = TBA

Dartmouth Road
Cannock

£250,000

- Three Bed Detached House
- Desirable Location
- Master With En Suite
- South Facing Garden
- Off Road Parking
- EPC = D

Hatherton Road
Cannock

£475,000

- 5 Bedroom Detached Home
- Versatile Living Accommodation
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Room Overlooking Rear Garden
- Garage & Driveway
- EPC = D

Braemar Road
Norton Canes

£150,000

- Modern Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted En Suite
- Play Room (Converted Garage)
- No Upward Chain
- EPC = D

Sharon Way
Hednesford

Spotlight! Featured Property

- Popular Location
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Fitted Kitchen & Lounge
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- EPC = TBA

Offers around
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1	SEMI DETACHED	3	£154,950	AVAILABLE	FREEHOLD
2	SEMI DETACHED	3	£154,950	AVAILABLE	FREEHOLD
3	DETACHED	3	£172,950	AVAILABLE	FREEHOLD

5 SANDOWN CLOSE, RAWNSLEY.

THREE BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE
Located In Cul-De-Sav Near To Cannock Chase

- Lounge and cloakroom
- Breakfast kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Possible garage space
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (72)

£129,950 FREEHOLD

BRACKENRIDGE, CANNOCK ROAD, BEDNALL HEAD

MOST SPACIOUS IMPROVED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE OCCUPYING 1.74 ACRE LANDSCAPED GARDENS OFFERING ACCOMMODATION SET IN GREENBELT FARMLAND Enjoying Views Towards Cannock Chase and Convenient For Access to Stafford and Cannock

- Three reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen and utility
- Minstrel gallery
- Five bedrooms
- 2 En-suite shower rooms
- Refitted family bathroom
- Integral double width garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- EPC rating D (61)

£795,000 FREEHOLD

33 PENNINE DRIVE, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE OCCUPYING CORNER PLOT GARDENS
In A Sought After Residential Area of The Town

- Reception hall
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom and separate toilet
- Built-on garage
- Well stocked landscaped gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- All windows double glazed
- EPC rating E (47)

£195,000 FREEHOLD

HIGHFIELD, 122 STREETS LANE, CHESLYN HAY

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED TWO BEDROOMED DETGACHED BUNGALOW OCCUPYING GROUNDS WHICH EXTENDS TO APPROXIMATELY 0.98 OR AN ACRE Located In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Verandah and utility
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Detached garage
- Gardens and paddock to 0.98 of an acre
- Oil fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating F (37)

£350,000 FREEHOLD

6 NIRVANA CLOSE, CANNOCK.

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Located In Cul-De-Sac In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town Close To The Shoal Hill District Of Cannock Chase

- Reception hall and cloakroom
- Lounge and dining room
- Refitted breakfast kitchen and utility room
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite bathroom and family bathroom
- Integral double width garage and well stocked gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating C (69)

£387,500 FREEHOLD

278 PYE GREEN ROAD, CANNOCK

EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Position Convenient For Facilities

- Reception hall and cloakroom with WC
- Lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Garage and gardens
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating D (65)

£172,950 FREEHOLD

7 SCHOLARS CLOSE, HUNTINGTON

A SUPERBLY APPOINTED LOW MAINTENANCE FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Cloakroom with WC
- Four bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Single garage
- EPC rating: C (79)

£249,995 FREEHOLD

5 & 5A WEST BROMWICH STREET, WALSALL

SHOP WITH OFFICES AND/OR POSSIBLE LIVING ACCOMMODATION

- Shop
- Offices
- Store rooms
- Possible living accommodation
- Kitchen
- Shower room
- Separate toilet
- EPC rating G (172)

£85,000 FREEHOLD

22 ST ANNES CLOSE, CHASETOWN

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Utility room
- Integral garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- All windows double glazed
- EPC rating tbc

£239,950 FREEHOLD

HEATHFIELD HOUSE

SANDY LANE, CANNOCK, WS11 1RF

INDIVIDUAL ARCHITECT DESIGNED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE LOCATED IN PRIME SHOAL HILL AREA OF THE TOWN

EPC Rating 72

PRICE - £795,000

CRAIGWATTS HOMES

4 OAKDENE CLOSE, CHESLYN HAY

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCELocated In Popular Cul-De-Sac
In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Three receptions rooms
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Utility room and cloakroom with WC
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Built-on garage and gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (68)

£375,000 FREEHOLD

PLOT 9 THE CROSSINGS, MILL STREET, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED NEWLY BUILT MID MEWS HOUSE BUILT TO A HIGH SPECIFICATION
Conveniently Located In Private Drive For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Entrance hall and cloakroom with WC
- Lounge/dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating B (84)

£145,000 FREEHOLD

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14 JOHNS LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND COMPREHENSIVELY REFURBISHED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOWLocated In Popular Residential Area Of This Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted cloaks/ shower room
- Refitted bathroom
- Off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating: D (66)

£269,950 FREEHOLD

FLAT 4 TEDDESLEY HOUSE,CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (80)

£154,950

PINE LODGE, 2 HIGH PARK, STAFFORD

IMPROVED AND EXTENDED FLEXIBLE FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE OF CONSIDERABLE CHARACTER Located In A Much Sought After Established Residential Area Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Four bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Two receptions rooms
- Breakfast kitchen
- Utility/rear porch
- Detached garage
- Gardens and secure parking for caravan, boat etc
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating E (46)

£345,000 FREEHOLD

9 WHITE BARK CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

REFITTED MID MEWS HOUSE OFFERING WELL EQUIPPED SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATION Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac

- Lounge
- Refitted dining kitchen
- Bedroom
- Refitted bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- No chain
- EPC rating D (67)

£109,950 FREEHOLD

21 WOOD LANE, HEDNESFORD

TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area With Extensive Panoramic Views To The Rear

- Reception hall and cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom and separate toilet
- Detached garage
- South facing terraced rear gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating E (42)

£139,950 FREEHOLD

3 CORNWALL ROAD, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOWLocated In Popular Residential Area Of The Town Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge with kitchen area
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Two double bedrooms
- Wet room shower room
- Carport
- Easy to maintain gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating D (60)

£199,950 FREEHOLD

3 THE POPLARS, OFF EDWARD STREET, CANNOCK

SEMI DETACHED TWO BEDROOMED BUNGALOW Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Within Reach of Facilities at Cannock and Hednesford Centre

- Side entrance hall
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating D (68)

£119,950 FREEHOLD

57 ST JOHNS ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED IMPROVED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Conveniently Locate For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge and dining area
- Breakfast kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom and separate toilet
- Gas fired central heating
- Garage and well stocked gardens
- Predominantly double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating E (47)

£189,995 FREEHOLD

47 LLOYD STREET, CANNOCK

EXTENDED AND IMPROVED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW OF CHARACTER ORIGINALLY BUILT IN THE POPULAR INTER WAR PERIOD In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Porch and reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Larger than average gardens
- Garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating E (48)

£220,000 FREEHOLD

174 WALSALL ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY

DETACHED HOUSE BUILT IN THE POPULAR INTER WAR PERIOD OFFERING THREE BEDROOMS Occupying Corner Plot Gardens In An Established Residential Area of This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Reception hall
- Lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Store room
- Landing
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off road parking
- Gas central heating and predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating C (70)

£260,000 FREEHOLD

51 HUNTER ROAD, CANNOCK

IMPROVED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETCHED HOUSE Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Breakfast kitchen
- Cloakroom with WC
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room
- Separate toilet
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating D (56)

£116,950 FREEHOLD

87 GORSEY LANE, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND EXTENDED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED DORMER STYLE FAMILY RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE 4/5/6 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Reception hall and cloakroom
- 2/3/4 Reception rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen and utility room
- Four first floor bedrooms
- Family bathroom and ensuite
- Integral garage
- Gardens and in and out drive
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (62)

£395,000 FREEHOLD

385 CANNOCK ROAD, HIGHTOWN, HEDNESFORD

IMPROVED AND EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Conveniently Located For Facilities At Hednesford Town Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Gardens
- Detached garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (59)

£135,000

FLAT 5, TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (80)

£154,950

THE BARN, MORETON GRANGE, BISHTON LANE, WOLSELEY BRIDGE, STAFFORD

COMPREHENSIVELY RENOVATED WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED FIVE BEDROOMED BARN CONVERSION Occupying Private Well Stocked Gardens With Stables and Paddock Extending To Approximately 1 Acre

- Lounge and dining room
- Study/sitting area
- Farmhouse dining kitchen
- Five bedrooms
- Two en-suites and family bathroom
- Detached double width garage
- Well stocked gardens and paddock
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating E (50)

£650,000 FREEHOLD

6 ANSON ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY

IMPROVED THREE BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE Conveniently Located For Facilities Within This Popular South Staffordshire Village

- Lounge
- Dining area and kitchen
- Garden room
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Garage on court
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating D (62)

£109,950 FREEHOLD

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GREAT WYRLEY

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GORSEY LANE

- 3 Storey Family Home
- Through Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Guest W.C
- 3 Bedrooms, En-Suite
- Bathroom
- Garage, Gardens

£170,000

CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD

- Traditional Detached
- Entrance Hall,
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Conservatory, dining kitchen
- Guest WC, 4 Bedrooms
- Shower Room, Bathroom
- G.C.H. Double glazing
- NO CHAIN

£445,000

CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

RIVERSIDE COURT

- Modern Apartment
- Town Centre Location
- Hallway with Lift
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Communal Grounds

£46,000 50% SHARE

CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

SANKEY ROAD

- Semi Detached Home
- Hallway, Lounge/ diner
- Refitted Kitchen/ utility area
- 3 Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Driveway, Gardens

£109,950

WEDGES MILLS

NEW

THE MEADOWS

- Detached Family Home
- Through Hallway, WC
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory, Kitchen
- 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- En-suite to Master
- Garage, Gardens, Driveway.

£315,000

RAWNSLEY

NEW

ST.CHRISTOPHER CLOSE

- Detached Family Home
- Through Hallway
- Lounge,Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen,Utility Room
- Guest W.C.
- Five Bedrooms
- Bathroom, En-Suite

£259,950

GREAT WYRLEY

NEW

WARDLES LANE

- Detached House
- Corner Plot
- Hallway
- Lounge / Diner
- Kitchen, Utility
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- GCH, Upvc D.G.

£220,000

HEDNESFORD

NO CHAIN

GREENWOOD PARK

- Detached Family Home
- Close to Cannock Chase
- Rec. Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Garage
- Garden, Driveway

£169,950

CANNOCK

NEW

STAFFORD ROAD

- Entrance Hallway
- Guest W.C.
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Landscape Gardens

£200,000

GREAT WYRLEY

NO CHAIN

RAMILLIES CRESCENT

- End Town House
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Gardens
- Double Glazed
- Freehold on Completion

OFFERS OVER £95,000

CANNOCK

PRICE STREET

- Semi detached House
- Through hallway
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden

£139,950

WEDGES MILLS

WOOD LANE

- Outstanding Detached Dorma
- Through Hallway, Lounge
- Stunning Kitchen
- Dining Room, Conservatory
- Utility Room, Guest WC
- Family Bathroom
- 5 Bedrooms, Family shower-room
- Detached Garage, Gardens

£359,950

GREAT WYRLEY

NO CHAIN

QUINTON AVENUE

- Viewing Essential
- Detached Bungalow
- Porch, Kitchen
- Lounge, Dining Room
- 3 Bedrooms, Conservatory
- Bathroom, en-suite
- Landscape Gardens

£209,950

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NORTON CANES
WOODFIELD CLOSE

Unfurnished
Detached House
Lounge
Kitchen Diner
3 Bedrooms
Family Bathroom
Seperate Shower Room
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Conservatory
Rear Garden
Garage
EPC Rating D

£700 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
PYE GREEN ROAD

Unfurnished
Terrace House
Newly Decorated
Lounge Diner
Newly Fitted Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Garden
Parking
EPC Rating D

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

GREAT WYRLEY
AJAX CLOSE

Unfurnished
Terrace House
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Front & Rear Garden
Parking
EPC Rating C

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
QUEEN STREET

Unfurnished
Terrace House
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Garden
EPC Rating D

£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
BEECH TREE COURT

Unfurnished
2nd Floor Flat
Open Plan Lounge/ Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NORTON CANES
NORTON TERRACE

Unfurnished
Ground Floor Flat
Open Plan Lounge Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Allocated Parking
Attractive Communal Gardens
ERC Rating B

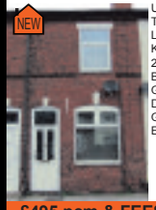
£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
HELIGAN PLACE

Unfurnished
Town House
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Garden
Parking
EPC Rating C

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

BLOXWICH
MAY STREET



Unfurnished
Terrace House
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Garden
EPC Rating D

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished
Ground Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Allocated Parking
EPC Rating C

£475 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
HILL STREET

Unfurnished
Ground Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£400 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
MOUNT STREET

Unfurnished
Ground Floor Flat
Open Plan Lounge/ Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Shower Room
Electric Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Garden
Allocated Parking
EPC Rating D

£400 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
SANDPIPER CLOSE

Partly Furnished
Lounge
Fitted Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Bathroom with Shower
Electric Heating
Allocated Parking
EPC Rating D

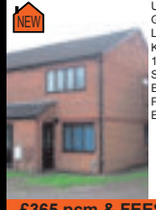
£395 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
PICASSO CLOSE

Unfurnished
First Floor Flat
Lounge
Fitted Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Bathroom
Heating
Allocated Parking
EPC Rating D

£395 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
GREENSLADE GROVE



Unfurnished
Ground Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Shower Room
Electric Heating
Parking
EPC Rating D

£365 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
ST STEPHENS COURT

Unfurnished
First Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Bathroom
Electric Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating D

£350 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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12 SAM BARBER COURT, HEATH HAYES
IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT Located In Popular Residential Area
- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Economy 7 electric heating
- Allocated parking
- Communal grounds
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: D (68)

£465 pcm

17 WOODFORD WAY, HEATH HAYES
WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Built-on garage
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (68)

£660 pcm

4 SCHOOL PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE
WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION Situated On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Inner hall
- Lounge
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Oil fired central heating
- Landscaped communal grounds
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: C

£625 pcm (plus service charge)

70 ST JOHNS ROAD, CANNOCK
WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOMMID MEWS HOUSEConvenient For Facilities At The Town Centre
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility room
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (58)

£575 pcm

191A STATION STREET, CHESLYN HAY
SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLATConvenient For Local Facilities
- Lounge
- Sitting room
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (57)

£425 pcm

66 BROWNHILLS ROAD, NORTON CANES
THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSEConvenient For Local Facilities
- Lounge
- Cloakroom with WC
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking & garage to rear
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (68)

£625 pcm

FLAT 7 PILLATON HOUSE, CROWN BRIDGE COURT, PENKRIDGE
WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT Located In This Much Sought After Development Convenient For Penkridge Village Centre
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking
- Communal grounds
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (76)

£550 pcm

26 ELLESMERE ROAD, CANNOCK
SPACIOUS ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
- Ground floor entrance hall
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (78)

£395 pcm

FLAT 19 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK
WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre
- Reception hall
- Open plan lounge/ kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Security phone intercom
- Allocated parking
- Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets
- EPC rating: C (80)

£495 pcm

22 LOVE LANE, LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, RUGELEY
SPACIOUS ONE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW Located On Well Presented Park Home Site Convenient For Local Facilities
- Dining kitchen
- Lounge
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom
- For persons aged 50 and over
- Fully double glazed
- LPG central heating
- Parking space and gardens
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: E

£475 pcm

18 BLACKHAM ROAD, ASHMORE PARK, WOLVERHAMPTON
TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
- Lounge & dining area
- Double glazed conservatory
- Kitchen & utility area
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets
- EPC rating: D (58)

£525 pcm

FLAT 23 ROWAN CLOSE, HUNTINGTON
EXTREMELY WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT Located In Popular Residential Area
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking space
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: 81 (B)

£535 pcm

5 THE FORGE, NORTH STREET, BRIDGTOWN
WELL APPOINTED SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In Gated Development Convenient For Local Facilities
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking
- Secure gated access
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£550 pcm

19 COPPERKINS ROAD, HEDNESFORD
THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE In Popular Residential Area
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (72)

£600 pcm

FLAT 4 PILLATON HOUSE, CROWNBRIDGE COURT, PENKRIDGE
WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT Located In Popular Development Close To Village Centre
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Allocated parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£550 pcm

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This modern second floor apartment is an ideal first time buy, In brief the accommodation comprises Communal Hallway, Hallway, Open plan Lounge/Kitchen, Two bedrooms and a Bathroom. Further benefiting from gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows and allocated parking. Viewing recommended. EPC RATING - B

£40,000

WINSTANLEY PLACE RUGELEY

A one bedroomed ground floor flat in need of upgrade and refurbishment. Side Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom and Bathroom. Communal garden area. Communal parking.

£65,000

THE SIDINGS HEDNESFORD

A purpose built ground floor flat positioned within walking distance to the local amenities. Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN and benefiting from UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, One Bedroom and refitted Bathroom. Communal gardens and parking to rear. EPC RATING - C

£79,995

HINDLEY VIEW RUGELEY

This three bedroomed mid-terraced property with UPVC double-glazing and gas central heating. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen and Lobby Area. Landing with Three Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Garden to rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - D

£89,950

CAMPBELL CLOSE RUGELEY

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. This three bedroomed mid-terraced property is ideal for first time buyers. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazed. Entrance Porch, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Parking to Rear. EPC RATING - D

£114,950

CAMPBELL CLOSE, RUGELEY

A recently refurbished mid-terraced property offering No Upward Chain. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Porch, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Garden Room. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. Garden to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - D

£115,950

PARK VIEW TERRACE RUGELEY

A well presented three bedroomed property with parking to rear. Gas Central Heated and UPVC Double Glazed. Accommodation briefly comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge and Kitchen/Diner. Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens and parking to rear. EPC RATING - D

£119,500

HOWELL MEWS RUGELEY

A purpose built modern development located within walking distance to the town centre and local amenities. Ideally located for local bus routes and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Communal Entrance Hall. Second Floor Landing. Reception Hall, Open plan Lounge/Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, En-suite Shower Room plus Bathroom. UPVC double-glazed. Electric Heating. EPC RATING - C

£125,000

ASHTREE BANK, BRERETON

A recently re-furbished semi-detached family home in popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Garage/Utility. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. Garden to Front and Rear. Parking for Several Vehicles. EPC Rating - D

£163,500

EARLSWAY, GREAT HAYWOOD

A well presented three bedroomed semi detached property in a village location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double-Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Breakfast Room, Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and a Bathroom. Driveway to Front with SINGLE GARAGE. Garden to Rear. EPC RATING - D

£169,995

BRAMBLE WAY ETCHINGHILL

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£189,950

GARDEN DRIVE RUGELEY

An individually designed detached dormer bungalow within walking distance to town centre. Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Area/ Rear Lobby. Inner Hallway, Bedroom Three, Separate WC and Bathroom. Large Attic Room with Shower Room. Single Detached Garage. Gardens. EPC awating

£260,000

BISHOPS GRANGE, RUGELEY

A four bedroomed detached family home in popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Study, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen,Utility, Conservatory. First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom, En-Suite, Three further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Single Garage with Ample Parking, Large Garden to Rear. EPC RATING - D

£275,000

THE MOORINGS, COLWICH

A well presented large family home in a sought after village location. Double-Glazing and Central Heating. Entrance Hall, Ground Floor Shower Room, Sitting Room, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen, Utility. First Floor Landing, Four Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Purpose Built Garden Room. Garage and Off Road Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear.

£300,000

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RUGELEY ROAD
ARMITAGE

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£99,995

ARCH STREET
RUGELEY

Benefitting from Gas central Heating and Double Glazing. Viewing is recommended to fully appreciate this property. Lounge, open archway through to Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen and Bathroom. Landing and Three Bedrooms. Court yard garden and outside brick store. EPC RATING - D

£109,950

THE LAURELS
RUGELEY

A two bedroomed mid terraced bungalow in a sheltered housing complex. Accommodation comprises Entrance Porch, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Shower Room. Communal Parking and Communal Gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - D

£110,000

ARCH STREET
RUGELEY

First floor flat benefiting from Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Commmunal Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, Bedroom and Shower room. Off street parking.
NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. NO DSS EPC Rating C
DEPOSIT £485

£350 pcm

HORSEFAIR
RUGELEY

Second floor property. Communal Entrance with security system. Accommodation comprises of Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Parking to rear. EPC Rating F
NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating F
DEPOSIT £588

£425 pcm

UPTON PLACE
RUGELEY

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this semi-detached property. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Utility Area, Breakfast Kitchen, Downstairs Bedroom. Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Ample off-road parking to front. Enclosed garden area to rear. EPC RATING - D

£135,000

LODGE ROAD, BRERETON

A good sized family home in sought after location. Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen and rear Utility Room. First Floor Landing with Three Bedroom and Bathroom. Gas centrally heated. Single Garage. Fully enclosed large rear garden. EPC TBC

£148,500

BRERETON HOUSE
BRERETON

An impressive ground floor apartment situated in popular position. Communal Entrance Hall, Inner Hallway, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Double Bedroom and Bathroom. Communal Gardens and Parking. VIEWING RECOMMENDED
NO DSS. PETS CONSIDERED. NO SMOKING. EPC Rating G
DEPOSIT £595

£445 pcm

EATON DRIVE
RUGELEY

On the instruction of Atwell Martin Asset Management we are offering a modern first floor apartment, GCH/DG. Comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Security Entrance System. Allocated Parking. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating B
DEPOSIT £594

£495 pcm

CHADSFIELD ROAD
RUGELEY

An extended family home with UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility with WC and Conservatory. Master Suite having a Lounge area, Bedroom and en-suite. Three Further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. SINGLE GARAGE with workshop. Enclosed gardens to rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN - EPC RATING - E

£235,000

LICHFIELD DRIVE
GREAT HAYWOOD

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this detached bungalow occupying an elevated corner plot. Gas centrally heated and mostly double-glazed. Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and sides with the added benefit of two driveways. Detached Sectional Garage.

£235,000

MAIN ROAD
BRERETON

Viewing of this beautifully presented detached family home is essential to appreciate the accommodation on offer. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory, Guest Cloakroom and Basement/Bedroom Four. Landing, a further Three Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Off road parking to Garage and garden to rear. EPC RATING - E

£244,995

COPPICE ROAD
RUGELEY

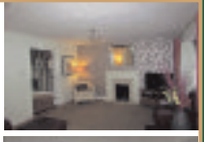
Semi detached property with off road parking. Entrance Hall, Dining Kitchen, Lounge, rear lobby area with guest cloakroom. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear.
NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D
DEPOSIT £500

£500 pcm

CORNWALL COURT
RUGELEY

Spacious terraced property benefiting from Gas Central Heating. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen with some appliances.Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and Rear. Garage and parking at rear.
NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D
DEPOSIT £720

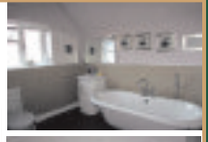
£520 pcm



BRIARWOOD MEWS, ARMITAGE

A spacious family home in popular village location. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated.Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen with Utility Area. Landing, Four Double Bedrooms, Master En-suite Shower Room and Family Bathroom. Garage to rear. Enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating - C

£305,000



GREENACRES, RUGELEY

A traditional large detached family home that must be viewed to truly appreciate the size. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Family Room, Large Fitted Kitchen, Dining Room, Utility Room, Guest Cloakroom. Landing, Three Double Bedrooms and Large Bathroom. Garage. Extensive Parking to front. EPC rating TBC

£325,000

PHOENIX CLOSE
RUGELEY

A mid terraced property within walking distance to town centre. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Electric Storage Heating and Double Glazing. Parking to front. Garden at rear. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D
DEPOSIT £692

£525 pcm

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- Gardens, driveway parking
- EPC rating G

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GREAT WYRLEY
STAFFORD ROAD

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- 2 reception rooms, breakfast kitchen
- Conservatory, guest WC
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- Superb village location
- Spacious through lounge
- Kitchen, dining room
- Conservatory, guest WC
- Four 1st floor bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating D

Offers around £180,000

CHESLYN HAY
GLENTHORNE DRIVE

- Extended semi-detached house
- Superb village location
- Well presented interiors
- Extended lounge / diner, kitchen
- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- Viewing highly recommended
- EPC rating to follow

Offers around £165,000

CHESLYN HAY
LITTLEWOOD LANE

- Semi-detached bungalow
- Superb village location
- Good sized lounge
- Kitchen, 'sun room' / rear porch
- 2 double bedrooms, shower room
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D

Offers around £149,950

GREAT WYRLEY
JOHNS LANE

- Extended semi-detached house
- Prime village location
- Lounge, separate dining room
- Kitchen, guest WC
- Ground floor bathroom
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Gardens, driveway. No chain
- EPC rating F

Offers over £140,000

CHESLYN HAY
HIGH STREET

- Well proportioned period semi
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- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen, ground floor bathroom
- Three bedrooms. No upward chain
- Gardens, off road parking
- EPC rating F

Offers around £125,000

GREAT WYRLEY
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- Superb mid-terraced house
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- EPC rating D

£190,000

QUIET LOCATION

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BURNTWOOD

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- Two bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Generous plot
- Detached garage
- Cul-de-sac location
- EPC rating E

£180,000

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- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Two further bedrooms
- Private rear garden
- Popular estate location
- EPC rating D

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QUIET LOCATION

CHAWNER CLOSE
BURNTWOOD

- Detached bungalow
- Two double bedrooms
- Cul-de-sac location
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- Wetroom
- Garage & driveway
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- Well presented and spacious semi detached home
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- Hallway, lounge/ diner, kitchen with utility and guest wc
- Three good size bedrooms, modern bathroom
- Gardens, garage and driveway

£164,950

Waverley Gardens, Etching Hill

- Spacious four bedroom detached property
- Large corner plot with private gardens
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£249,950 Guide Price

Church Street, Rugeley

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- Well presented three bedroom semi detached
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- Hallway, lounge, kitchen, dining room
- Three bedrooms, modern bathroom
- Garage and gardens, viewing essential

£124,950 Guide Price

Stag Close, Etching Hill

- Spacious three bedroom link detached house
- Popular location with green area to front
- Hallway, two reception rooms, kitchen, conservatory
- Three good size bedrooms and family bathroom
- Garage, driveway and priavte gardens

£189,950 Guide Price

Pear Tree Court, Rugeley

- Spacious three storey property in good location
- Four good size bedrooms and three bathrooms
- Hallway, lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen
- Utility room, front and rear gardens with garage
- Viewing essential of this spacious property

£199,950 Guide Price

St Thomas Way, Hawksyard

- Good sized end of terraced property
- Popular Hawksyard location, Ideal FTB/ Investment
- Hallway, guest wc, lounge, large kitchen/ diner
- Three good size bedrooms, main bathroom
- Gardens, open aspect and driveway to side

£164,950

Pool Meadow Close, Rugeley

- Well presented detached family home
- Popular location with fields to rear
- Four good size bedrooms, two reception rooms
- Two bathrooms, kitchen and conservatory
- Beautiful gardens, viewing essential

£265,000

Laburnum House, Rugeley

- Executive self build detached home
- Flexible family sized home, five bedrooms
- Three bathrooms, large contemporary kitchen
- Open views to fore, gardens, garage, extensive driveway
- Part exchange considered, must be viewed

£419,950 Guide Price

Somerset Avenue, Rugeley

- Well positioned detached home on large plot
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- Three good size bedrooms, shower room and bathroom
- Garage, large driveway, very large rear gardens
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Thorn Cose, Rugeley

- Superbly presented detached family home
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- Garage and private gardens to three sides

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The Beeches, Rugeley

- Spacious three bedroom terraced property
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- Hallway, extended large lounge/ diner, kitchen
- Three good size bedrooms, refitted bathroom
- Garage and gardens with driveway

£124,950

Hednesford Road, Rugeley

- Stunning extended traditional semi detached home
- Four good size bedrooms, main bathroom and guest wc
- Hallway, two reception rooms, refitted kitchen
- Large conservatory and study room
- Front and rear gardens with plentiful parking

£249,950

Anson Street, Rugeley

- Superb traditional detached property
- Close to town centre and amenities
- Large rear gardens and plentiful parking
- Two reception rooms, three good size bedrooms
- Viewing essential, Offers Considered

£249,950

The Lindens, Rugeley

- Spacious three storey end terraced property
- Hallway, kitchen/ diner, lounge, guest wc
- Three good size bedrooms, two bathrooms
- Garage and driveway with gardens
- No Chain, viewing essential

£159,950

Bow Street, Rugeley

- Charming and quirky end terraced property
- Close to town and an ideal FTB/ Investement purchase
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- Large bathroom, outside yard to rear
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Alnwick Close, Heath Hayes — £155,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this immaculately presented three bedroom semi-detached property in a cul-de-sac location in the popular area of Heath Hayes, near to some of Cannock's most renowned schools. Energy rating: C.

Sycamore Green, Huntington — £159,950

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market this four bedroom semi-detached property located in Cannock which briefly comprises of entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, conservatory, kitchen, four bedrooms, bathroom, front and rear garden and double glazing (where specified). Energy rating: C.

Grouse Way, Heath Hayes — O/O £170,000

This exceptional and immaculately presented three bedroom semi-detached property Heath Hayes comprises of entrance hall, family lounge, modern fitted kitchen, downstairs W/C, three bedrooms with the master having en-suite. To the side of the property there is a driveway and a garage. Energy rating: C.

Hednesford Road, Heath Hayes — £185,000

This exceptional three bedroom link detached property in Heath Hayes briefly comprises of entrance porch, family lounge, kitchen/diner, three bedrooms with the master having fitted wardrobes and a recently fitted modern en-suite. To the front a driveway provides parking. Energy rating: E

Hilton Lane, Great Wyrley — £189,950

Connells Estate Agents are delighted to present for sale this unique corner plot, in immaculate presentation, traditional, three bedroom semi-detached Family home located in Great Wyrley and is within walking distance to Moat Hall Primary & Great Wyrley High School. Energy rating: E.

Cecil Street, Cannock — O/O £200,000

MUST BE VIEWED to be fully appreciated. This four bedroom detached property comprising of hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, family bathroom, master bedroom having en-suite, garage, front and rear gardens, double glazing and gas central heating (where specified). Energy rating: E.

Pye Green Road, Hednesford — £215,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this no chain, significant two double bedroom detached bungalow in the popular area of Hednesford situated on a considerably large plot with a beautifully designed garden. EPC Rating: D

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Johnson Road, Cannock **£120,000**

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Hednesford

Holly Street, Hednesford **£170,000**

Connells Estate Agents are delighted to market for sale this most impressive and delightfully situated detached residence built in the early 1970's to an exact specification has been maintained throughout, being near to Redhill Primary School & Staffordshire University Academy, this property would certainly make a beautiful family home. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch, hall, family lounge, dining area, a recently fitted conservatory, ideal if you like entertaining. Modern fitted kitchen with pantry cupboard and a utility room which has a door into the garage. Following onto the first floor the property has three bedrooms which two of the double rooms benefit from having fitted wardrobes, shower room with wash hand basin, shower cubicle and WC. Energy rating: awaited.

Norton Canes

Hussey Road, Norton Canes **£185,000**

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this large four bedroom link-detached property in the poplular area of norton canes and situated near to The Jerome Primary School. The property is offered with no chain and is within close proximity you have access to the M6 motorway (including M6 Toll junction) and the A5, this property really is ideal for those commuting and for just a stones throw away you have Chasewater, a reservoir which offers acres of wet lowland and heathland that is home to deer, newts and many bird species. Internally, the property briefly comprises of entrance hall, family lounge with bay window and feature fireplace, kitchen/diner with pantry cupboard and what was the downstairs garage has now been converted into a downstairs bedroom and downstairs wet room. On the first floor all three bedrooms of a good size and there is also a Family bathroom. Externally, the frontage offers a large block paved driveway as well as a lawn area and two doors to enter the property, one to the main hall and a seperate one to the downstairs bedrooms. The rear has a patio area and steps leading to the lawn area surrounted by fencing and a hedge. Energy rating: awaited.

Heath Hayes

Deavall Way, Heath Hayes **£190,000**

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached Family Home located in one of Cannock's best area's and surrounded by some of the better schools such as Five Ways and Gorsemoor Primary. Internally you enter through a front door into the hallway which has doors leading to the kitchen, kitchen diner and what is now the playroom/ study but this used to be the intergral garage. Upstairs you have a landing leading to three bedrooms in total, the master having an en-suite and a family bathroom. Externally, to the front the property provides a tarmac driveway and a lawn area, there is also a patio path to the side of the detached property giving you access to the rear garden. To the rear you will find a patio area and a gated lawn area which is of a good size. Energy Rating: awaited.

Great Wyrley

Walsall Road, Great Wyrley **£290,000**

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this exceptionally spacious, four bedroom, two storey bungalow/family home in the popular area of Great Wyrley. This property has a great layout and generous accommodation throughout. Being a large sized plot if you need a lot of off road parking then this property really is one you must view. Situated in a prime position, this property is perfectly situated for the M6 toll and M6 Motorway junction, the A5, St Thomas More Catholic School & Great Wyrley High School. On the ground floor the property comprises of entrance porch, hallway, family lounge, an additional reception room which was previously the garage, modern fitted kitchen diner, large utility room, two double bedrooms and a separate dining room. On the first floor there is a master bedroom which benefits from having its very own en-suite . To the rear there is a separate patio area and lawn area, further on there is secure gate with additional parking and a substantially large shed. Energy Rating: D.

Great Wyrley

Bentons Lane, Great Wyrley **£290,000**

An exciting opportunity has presented it self in Great Wyrley via Connells Estate Agents. This family friendly home with great entertaining space and generous accommodation through out hosts an impressive five bedrooms and is detached so it really is a must view to fully appreciate not only the space, but the period features also. The property briefly comprises of entrance to a porch, grand reception hall, family lounge, an additional sitting area, conservatory, fitted kitchen and separate dining area, utility with access to the garage. Upstairs there are five bedrooms and this property has both a family bathroom and a family shower room all on the first floor! Externally and to the front; the property provides off road parking for several cars, a raised featured plant bed with a selection of shrubs whilst to the rear lies a large patio area with a featured veranda, fish pond amongst various shrubs, an additional patio area, summer house, green house and a side passage way leading to the front. Energy rating: E.

Hednesford

Heather Valley, Hednesford **Offers Over £450,000**

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this elegant, FIVE bedroom detached family home. Commanding an impressive position, the property boasts flexible living accommodation and is set over two floors. The first floor entrance level and lower ground level both provide generous sleeping arrangements as well as multiple bathrooms and en-suites. Situated in a modern quiet cul-de-sac this property is a short distance away from the desirable Cannock Chase, Hednesford train station and Kingsmead College. On the first floor the property briefly comprises of entrance upper hallway, lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen, utility room, two bedrooms with one benefitting from having an en-suite and family bathroom. you then decent to the lower floor where you will find; two double bedrooms with one benefitting from having large fitted wardrobes and an en-suite, large shower room, second lounge / fifth bedroom, with french doors out on to the patio terrace. Externally, to the front the property provides a block paved driveway for multiple cars as well as a larger than average garage. To the rear there is a beautifully designed garden amongst a selection of shrubs and separate patio area. Energy Rating: D.

Reduced

Walhouse Drive, Penkridge **£599,950**

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market this six bedroom detached property which briefly comprises of hall, downstairs WC, study room, office, kitchen / breakfast area, dining room, family room, conservatory, lounge, master bedroom with en-suite, five further bedrooms one of which is currently used as a gym, bathroom, two shower rooms, cinema room, presentation room, off road parking, detached double garage, pond, summer house, gardens and double glazing (where specified). Energy rating: D.

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>Lounge
>Kitchen
>Two Bedrooms
>Master En-Suite
>Bathroom
>Double Glazing
>Gas Central Heating
>Allocated Parking

£550pcm ● £200 Admin Fee

LOWER LODGE PARK, RUGELEY ROAD

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Off-Road Parking
- Open Views To Rear
- DG & GCH (Bottled)
- Ideal Park Home

£87,000

CANTERBURY DRIVE, RUGELEY

- Ground Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Open Plan Living
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking
- Viewing Essential

£91,000

HOLYOAKEPLACE,RUGELEY,WS152NP

> Mid Terrace Family Home
> Three Bedroom
> Lounge/ Diner
> Modern Kitchen
> Private Gardens
> Upvc Double Glazing
> Gas Central Heating
> Viewing Recommended

£97500

HISLOP ROAD, RUGELEY

NEW

>Semi Detached
>Three Bedrooms
>Modern Fitted Kitchen
>Wet Room
>Lounge/Diner
>Private Gardens
>Fully Adapted for Wheel Chairs
No Chain

O.I.R.O. £99'500

ALLEN BIRT WALK

NEW

>Semi Detached
>Three Bedrooms
>Lounge
>Dining Room
>Kitchen
>Family Bathroom
>Gardens
>No Chain

O.I.R.O. £99,950

NEWMAN GROVE, RUGELEY

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedroom
- Sitting Tenant
- Ideal Investor Purchase
- Guest WC
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Gardens
- Must be Viewed

£105,000

LOWER LODGE PARK, ARMITAGE

NO CHAIN

- Park Home
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Lounge Diner
- Wet Room
- Off Road Parking
- Gardens & Storage
- No Upward Chain

£106,000

WATSON CLOSE, RUGELEY

NO CHAIN

- Semi-Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Diner
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- GCH & DG
- Ideal Starter Home

£118,000

PARK VIEW TERRACE, RUGELEY

- End Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Off Road Parking
- Shower Room
- Private Garden
- No Upward Chain

£120,000

20WOODVIEW,RUGELEY,WS151AT

NEW

> Semi Detached Home
> Three Bedrooms
> Lounge
> Kitchen
> Family Bathroom
> Gardens Front & Rear
> Cul-De-Sac Location
> Viewing Recommended

£134995

RUTHERGLENCLOSE

NO CHAIN

> Link Detached Home
> Three Bedroom
> Good Size Lounge
> Kitchen/Diner
> Utility/Storage Area
> Private Gardens
> Off-Road Parking
> Viewing Highly Recommended

£168,000

FINCHES HILL, RUGELEY

NO CHAIN

- Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Freehold
- No Upward Chain
- Sitting Tenant

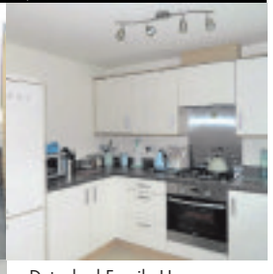
£175,000

1INGATHORPEROAD,HAWKSYARDWS151FE

> Modern End Terrace
> Three Bedrooms
> Lounge
> Kitchen/Diner
> Visitor Cloaks
> Family Bathroom
> Garage
> Viewing Recommended

£176000

LEVETT GRANGE, RUGELEY



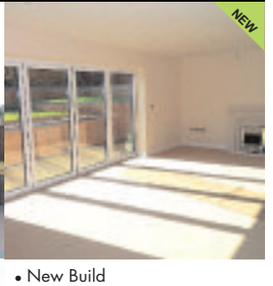
- Detached Family Home
- Cu-De-Sac Location
- Lounge Area
- Kitchen / Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- Private Gardens
- Must Be Viewed

£205,000

39A WATTFIELD CLOSE, RUGELEY

NO CHAIN

NEW



- New Build
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Dining Room
- Utility & Cloaks
- Detached Home
- Lounge
- Fitted Kichen
- No Onward Chain

£210,000

PENK DRIVE NORTH, RUGELEY

- Detached Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge & Games Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Etchinghill
- Must Be Viewed

£215,000

BRERETON ROAD, RUGELEY

- Detached Residence
- Four Bedrooms
- En-suite to Master
- Two Reception Rooms
- Large Conservatory
- Gym/Office
- Private Gardens
- Viewing Essential

£284,950

WOODLANDS, CRAKEMARSH HALL, UTTOXETER

NO CHAIN

Occupying a fabulous and mature garden plot in the grounds of the Crakemarsh Hall development is this luxurious modern mansion. The property was built to a very high standard in 1999 and provides highly impressive architecture and design on a beautiful 0.8 acre plot. This is one of five distinctive homes set in lovely landscaped gardens with large living spaces making this an ideal family home. The property briefly comprises: - two reception rooms, kitchen with breakfasting room, visitor cloaks and WC, to the first floor are four bedrooms all with private bathrooms, the master suite having a sitting room and balcony and finally a nursery/study room all with fantastic views. Early viewing highly recommended for the discerning purchaser.

£899,950

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- Lounge/Kitchen
- Shower Room
- DG & Heating
- Parking
- Energy Rating F
- NO DSS/ PETS

£325 pcm

REMBRANDT CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

- 1 Bed FFF
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Energy Rating C
- No DSS/Pets

£370 pcm

NELSON DRIVE, WIMBLEBURY

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS OR PETS

£425 pcm

TOWER VIEW ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY

- 2 Bed GFF
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/Pets

£450 pcm

HERONDALE, HEDNESFORD

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Elec Heating & DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS OR PET

£450 pcm

CECIL STREET, CHADSMOOR

- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/ Utility
- Bathroom
- DG & GCH
- Energy Rating D
- No DSS or Pets

£475 pcm

STATION STREET, CHESLYN HAY

- Two Bed Flat
- Newly Refurbed
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom, GCH
- DG, Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS OR PETS

£475 pcm

MOUNT STREET, HEDNESFORD

- 2 Bed Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen with appliances
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Allocated parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/Pets

£475 pcm

SANKEY ROAD, CHADSMOOR

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen /Guest WC
- GCH /DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/Pets

£550 pcm

MOUNT STREET, HEDNESFORD

- 2 Bed Flat
- Lounge
- kitchen with appliances
- Shower Room
- Elec Heating / DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating C
- No DSS/Pets.

£565 pcm

REDWING DRIVE, HUNTINGTON

- 2 Bed Semi
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Conservatory
- GCH/DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- No DSS/Pets

£625 pcm

STATION STREET, CHESLYN HAY

- Re-Furbished Ground Floor Flat
- Private Entrance
- Lounge
- Modern Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Re-Fitted Bathroom
- GCH/DG
- Private Parking Area At Rear

£99,950 No Chain

UNION STREET, BRIDGTOWN

- Very Well Presented Modern Semi
- Lounge
- Modern Kitchen
- Guest WC
- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Fitted Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- 2 Allocated Spaces ● Visitors Parking

£110,000

BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD

- Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Spacious Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen-Diner
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Fitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

£118,000

DOVE HOLLOW, HEDNESFORD

- An Extremely Well Presented Town House
- GCH & DG
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge-Diner
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Viewing Recommended

£130,000

WALSALL ROAD, CANNOCK

- Well Presented & Spacious Semi
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility & WC
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Well Presented Gardens
- Driveway

£155,000

ALBERT STREET, CANNOCK

- An Improved Traditional Detached House
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- GCH/DG
- Good Size Rear Garden

£145,000 No Chain

FAIROAKS DRIVE, GREAT WYRLEY

- An Extended House
- Family Lounge Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen, Conservatory
- Guest WC & Dining Room
- Four Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Ample Parking & Garage

Offers Based on £180,000

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GREENHEATH ROAD, HEDNESFORD

- Deceptively Spacious
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Sitting Room
- Three Bedrooms
- En Suite & Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

£159,950

HEDNESFORD STREET, CANNOCK

- Detached Family Home
- Lounge/Sitting Room/ Dining Room
- Large Conservatory
- Kitchen & Utility Room
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Three 1st Floor Bedrooms
- Bathroom/Shower Room
- Driveway & Garage

£204,950 No Chain

BROWNHILLS ROAD, NORTON CANES

- Extended & Much Improved
- Hallway & Guest WC
- Lounge, Dining Room & Sitting Room
- Extended & Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Gardens, Driveway & Garage
- Ample Off Road Parking

£189,950

ESKRETT STREET, HEDNESFORD

- Detached Bungalow
- Family Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage, Gardens & Driveway
- Viewing Essential To Appreciate
- No Chain

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OIEO £190,000

TELFORD AVENUE, GREAT WYRLEY

- Very Well Presented & Spacious House
- Family Lounge & Dining Room
- Modern Kitchen
- Playroom/Study
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Good Size Gardens
- Driveway & Garage

£210,000

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- Part can be self contained
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- Breakfast Kitchen
- 3 Bathrooms
- Utility & Cloaks
- Garage
- Fabulous Garden

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Old Stafford Road, Slade Heath

- Fabulous Barn Conversion
- Lovely Area
- 5 Bedroom or 4 and extra lounge
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- 2 Bathrooms
- Cloaks & Utility
- Garden
- Car Port & Parking

£327,500

Main Road, Edingale

- Beautifully Situated Detached
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- Very Large Corner Plot
- Large L Shape Living Room
- Kitchen, Diner
- Family Area
- Cloaks
- Master with Ensuite
- Family Bathroom

£325,000

Shortbutts Lane, Lichfield

- 4/5 Bed House
- Semi
- South Side Of Lichfield
- Living/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Cloaks and Utility
- FamilyBathroom
- Parking for 4 cars
- Lovely Rear Garden

£249,995

Hazel Drive, Armitage

- Fabulous Private Position
- Detached Home , Great Size
- 3 Good Bedrooms
- Living Room/Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Ensuite
- FamilyBathroom
- Garden, lots of parking
- Garage

£214,995

Foster Avenue, Hednesford

- Good Size Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden
- Garage
- Parking
- Needs a little work

£165,000

Love Lane, Great Wyrley

- Great Size Semi
- Really Needs to be Viewed
- 5 Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Large Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Fabulous Garden
- Parking
- Double Tandem Garage
- he property has such

£155,000

Banbury Road, Cannock

- Great Size Semi
- 3 Good Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Utility, Solar Panels
- Family Bathroom
- Nice Rear Garden
- Very large front drive
- Popular area

£145,000

Essex Drive, Rugeley

- Lovely Bungalow
- 2 Bedrooms
- Well Maintained
- Living Room/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Garden
- Garage
- Close to The Chase

£139,950

Lockside View, Rugeley

- Beautifully Semi
- 3 Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Cloaks
- Family Bathroom
- Detached garage
- Well kept garden.

£139,950

New Road, Armitage

- Period Terrace
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Good Size Cellar
- Bathroom Upstairs
- Small Front Garden
- Long Back Garden
- In need of some TLC.

£130,000

Eaton Drive, Rugeley

- Lovely Modern Terrace Home
- 2 Good Bedrooms
- Living Room/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Cloaks
- Family Bathroom
- Garden
- Private Rear Garden
- Parking

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- Entrance hallway
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- Modern fitted bathroom
- Allocated parking
- Viewing essential to appreciate quality
- EPC rating C

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GREAT WYRLEY
WHARWELL LANE

- Three Bedroom Bungalow
- Fully renovated to high spec
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Guest Cloakroom ● Lounge/diner
- Large conservatory
- Garage with driveway
- NO CHAIN
- EPC rating C

£259,995

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BELT ROAD

- Traditional detached cottage
- Three spacious bedrooms
- Refitted kithcen/diner
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Guest WC, Utility
- Master Bedroom with en-suite
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway & Garage
- EPC rating E

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HEDNESFORD
ABBEY STREET

- A three bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, separate dining room, guest WC
- Kitchen with built in appliances
- Bathroom, garden to rear, off road parking
- Ideal family home, NO CHAIN
- EPC rating D

£125,000

HEDNESFORD
MAYCROFT CLOSE

- A refurbished two bedroom mid town house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms, refitted bathroom
- Garden to rear
- Off road parking
- Ideal first time buy
- Awaiting EPC rating

£99,950

HEATH HAYES
CLEETON STREET

- Traditonal Two bed Mid Terrace
- Gas Central heating, double glazing
- Open plan Lounge Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family bathroom with shoer
- Two doulbe bedrooms
- Ideal first time buy
- NO CHAIN
- EPC rating C

£109,995

GREAT WYRLEY
POPLAR ROAD

- An improved well presented two bedroom bungalow
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms, Refitted modern bathroom
- Driveway providing ample off road parking
- Enclosed rear garden
- Viewing recommended
- EPC rating E

£154,950

CHESLYN HAY
SUTHERLAND ROAD

- Three bedroom semi detached
- Entrance hallway & Porch
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen & Utility
- Family bathroom
- Garage & driveway
- NO CHAIN
- Awaiting EPC rating

£160,000

CANNOCK
LONGFORD ROAD

- Traditional Three bedroom
- Lounge, dining room
- Breakfast kitchen
- Family Bathroon ● Conservatory
- Enclosed Rear garden
- Garage & Driveway
- Popular location
- NO CHAIN
- EPC rating E

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Watermint Close
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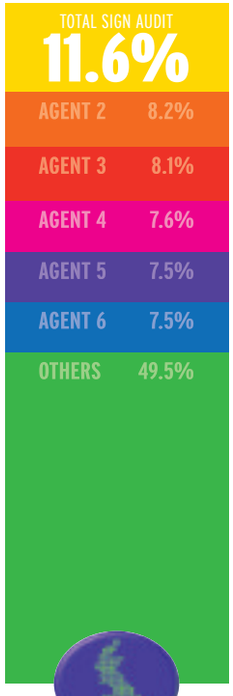

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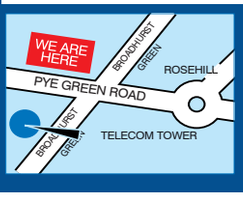

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Loyal and a hard worker

By Matt Kimberley

It's the most important Vauxhall arriving this year. Has the compact hatch got the magic to take on its key rivals?

The Astra is an underrated, but evergreen compact family hatch, as happy taking the kids on a short break away as it is cutting a path through the city. There's no radical departure for 2016, although the sharp-eyed will notice a nip here and a tuck there.

There's an excellent new colour touch-screen that's standard across the range. It gives the whole product a lift and helps it make a better first impression.

It's a sharp-looking thing, if a bit on the conservative side. Being built in Britain won't do its appeal this side of Dover any harm, either.

Whichever model you choose, you end up with a pleasantly stylish and definitely inoffensive car. You'll never object to having it on your drive. It's quite sensitive to trim grades, though, so whereas the fantastic top-spec cars with all the interior trimmings look like they've come straight from the top drawer, the fragile rubberised handbrake grip and cheap-looking plastics on the low-end versions leave a lot to be desired and can start to look tatty very quickly.

There's a handy boot at the back, more than big enough for most tasks, but if you're toting babies, you'll struggle to get much more than a chunky pushchair into it without putting the conveniently split rear seats down.

Front seaters will be happy enough, especially with the uncommonly well-shaped seat backs that give superb lumbar support. The glove box is shed-spacious but the door pocket shapes and cupholder designs could be better thought out.

Under the bonnet there is a 1.0-litre turbocharged petrol engine. It can't make the Astra a rocket ship, but if you're gentle, you'll see fuel economy you'd struggle to better in an eco-diesel. I found it no problem to hover around 60mpg in relatively traffic-free driving. Alright, you do need to put some effort in, but the potential is there.

The dinky engine is perfect for chopping around urban and suburban routes. It's impressively linear once the turbo kicks in, making it smooth, forgiving and easy to get used to.

It warms up faster than a moth on a sunbed and it's perfect for no-fuss short trips. The five-speed gearbox is light and precise, with tall gearing that partly offsets the lack of a sixth, but it's clear this version isn't meant to cover serious motorway mileage. It's a nice steer, though, responding quite keenly to tugs at the wheel and scampering along winding roads with gusto.

The brakes on this nearly-new car were very grabby, but that should hopefully settle down with mileage.

The Astra is a solid car. You know what you're getting and, although some of the materials on basement models aren't up to scratch, at the very least, the car does a good job of providing straight-down-the-line mid-size transport for people who don't want to spend the extra on a slightly more spacious compact crossover or SUV.

Vauxhall dealers are usually open to a little haggling, too, so don't take the retail price as gospel. You should pay less than for a broadly equivalent crossover, so there's good value to be had here even if the fashion is currently for faux-4x4s.

This is a car for ordinary people. People who want a well-rounded car to give them transport, enough space and, crucially, the ability to cope with everything from taking the in-laws to Sunday lunch to taking the kids to the seaside.

Parents will appreciate this sort of versatility, while some might prefer the lower seating position relative to SUVs, for the better outward view it offers during low-speed manoeuvres.

This car summed up in a single word: Studious.

If this car was a student at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, it would be in Hufflepuff house. It's a hard worker and a loyal companion.

Concept delivering the luxury of time on commute

By James Parker

Volvo Cars' ongoing research into autonomous driving has confirmed what we all know – that the daily commute is taking the joy out of driving. It is during the commute and on long motorway trips that people are most willing to delegate the act of driving to their car.

With this in mind, Volvo has developed Concept 26, named to reflect the average daily commute to work of 26 minutes* – time that could be spent doing something more meaningful than sitting in stop-start traffic. Volvo has set out to bring choice and freedom back to the driver; to enjoy the driving experience when they want to, or to delegate driving to the car when they want to do something else.

"It's all about people. Our research clearly shows that some people will want to use their commuting time creatively when they have full autonomous drive available, while others will want to just sit back and relax, watch online media or listen to music. Autonomous drive will make all of this possible. This is what Concept 26 has captured by reimagining the entire car experience," said Robin Page, vice president of interior design at Volvo Cars.

Innovation

Concept 26 is based around an all-new patented seat design that actively cradles the driver during the transformation phase into one of the three modes: Drive, Create or Relax. With these three modes the concept creates a new autonomous drive innovation platform that can adapt to new needs and technologies over time.

When the driver wishes to delegate driving to the car, the steering wheel retracts, the seat reclines and a large display emerges from the dashboard allowing the driver to enjoy the time spent in the car as they like. Concept 26 embraces the need for radical change of the basic design of car interiors and provides a space that can be used as the driver/passenger wishes.

Concept 26 opens up a new paradigm of possibilities in the car – from entertainment to service provision and beyond, using the technology that is now a natural part of our everyday lives. It also signals the huge potential for new business opportunities and high-tech collaborations that autonomous drive will bring.

"We have gone to great lengths to understand the challenges and opportunities that autonomous cars will bring to people in coming years, and our flexible approach to engineering and design, enabled by our new Scalable Product Architecture, means that we can readily bring this from concept to reality," said Dr Peter Mertens, senior vice president research and development at Volvo Car Group.

Volvo Cars' ongoing Drive Me research project, which will see an extended fleet of fully autonomous cars driving real customers on the roads of Gothenburg, Sweden, in 2017 is further proof that Volvo is a leader in autonomous drive technology, building firmly on its foundation of safety.

"Volvo Cars is among the first to address the subject of self-driving cars and liability. We firmly believe that car makers should take full responsibility for the actions of the car when it is driving in full autonomous mode. If a manufacturer does not accept liability, it clearly implies that they are not confident about their autonomous drive technology," said Dr Peter Mertens.

*Based on research of the average commute time in the United States

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Watershed moment in hydrogen fuel-cell car

By Matt Kimberley

Toyota's Mirai is the first fuel-cell vehicle to be sold in the UK, but is it the beginning of a revolution?

So what's new? Everything, but not as much as you'd think. The Mirai is one of the first production hydrogen vehicles, so it's part of a huge watershed moment, but ultimately it's a normal car with fuel contained in tanks and an electric hybrid system that sends power to the front wheels. A lot like a Prius, only running on something a lot cleaner.

The dashboard and centre console are futuristic enough without being scary, and there are familiar touches like Toyota's nifty little automatic gear lever sticking up near the steering wheel. You'll find a whole range of drivetrain-related displays that can tell you what's going on underneath you, which is cool. Again, a lot like the Prius.

Aerodynamics are paramount for the Mirai, hence the unusual styling that enhances both the cooling systems and the drag coefficient; how smoothly the car cuts through the air. The underneath is completely flat, for starters, which can only be done because there are no hot gases around the engine bay.

It would take a brave person to call it pretty, but the functionality within its lines holds the right kind of appeal for early adopters and the eco-minded, both of whom will want to be seen to be driving such a revolutionary concept. Driving a car but emitting nothing but water vapour is something to be proud of.

There's a 361-litre saloon boot, which is good enough for most needs.

You can forget that trip to the oak furniture place, but everyday luggage will be fine. There's loads of rear legroom for average-height adults and despite the Mirai's slender, gap-threading footprint on the road, it feels wide inside thanks to liberally-applied horizontal lines across the dashboard.

While a 300-mile real-world range is easy, the obvious limiting factor here is the current availability of hydrogen filling stations. There, err, aren't many. Yet. Watch this space.

Supreme quietness is what greets you inside the Mirai. The chief engineer describes difficulties in controlling road noise in such a silent car, but he's being modest. Squeeze the throttle hard and you'll hear the fake whirring noise added to let owners feel a more natural sensation of acceleration – and likewise in reverse when you lift off the right-hand pedal.

Fantastically usable torque from the hydrogen-electric drivetrain makes the Toyota a dream to drive around town and the suburbs. It gets up to speed with less fuss than a dinner at Downton. The ride is impeccable, too; settled and comfortable. It makes you wonder why all cars aren't like this. Three driving modes allow you to bias the system towards the electric motor, a calculated mix of that and the hydrogen, or towards maximum output.

Outward visibility is great, giving clear views of approaching traffic at roundabouts. Everything within touching distance feels high-quality, too, including the very comfortable eight-way electrically adjustable front seats.

Here's the rub: the Mirai costs £66,000 on the road, or £750 per month on an all-inclusive leasing deal that covers servicing, tyres and the like. You get an awful lot of day-brighteners for that, like heated seats (all round), heated steering wheel and even heated windscreen wipers. There's no denying that this will be a deeply lovely car to own or lease, but it's a bit rich for most people.

Toyota is targeting the Mirai partly at wealthy early-adopters who live near refuelling stations. But greater uptake is expected among companies looking to reduce their carbon footprint – and to be seen doing it.

Transport for London is already a customer, and large carbon-sensitive corporations could well join in with a couple of cars for the right executives.

This car summed up in a single word: Serene.

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Toyota i-Road take two

Toyota is launching further trials of a two-seater version of its i-ROAD short-range urban electric vehicle. The nimble three-wheeler is joining the Open Road project, running in Japan since July with a single-seat model.

i-ROAD's ability to carry two on board is already being put to the test in Europe, where the vehicle is playing a central role in a three-year connected public transport pilot scheme, Ha:mo by Cité Lib, in Grenoble, France. With the benefit of official type certification from the Japanese government, its performance can now be put under closer scrutiny.

The Japanese i-ROADs are being loaned for one-month periods to motorists who will specifically be using them to carry two people, for example on commuter, shopping and school runs. Toyota will use feedback and data from the tests to assess how i-ROAD can meet different mobility requirements.

i-ROAD has undergone some modifications to meet Japanese requirements, including changes to its reflectors and vehicle width indicators. It has also been fitted with an "approaching vehicle" audible warning.

The local authority in Shibuya, Tokyo, has expressed interest in i-ROAD's urban-friendly performance and will be conducting further trials with Toyota to look at the possibility of using it for a new community-based programme.

Meanwhile in Silicon Valley in the USA, the Toyota Onramp 2015 conference challenged innovators and entrepreneurs to come up with ideas for how i-ROAD could be used in different ways in a Smart Mobility Challenge. Jason Weiner took first prize with an M-i-ROAD concept, by which the vehicle can be driven as an electric bike or a car to suit different user groups.

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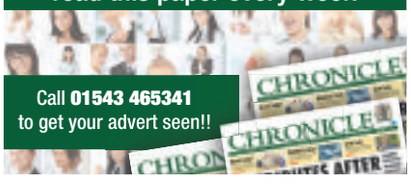

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Premium crossover for a new generation of buyers

By James Parker

The Infiniti QX30 premium active crossover made its simultaneous global debut at the 2015 Los Angeles and Guangzhou international motor shows – signalling the next phase of the company's global growth strategy.

Created for a new generation of premium buyers, the QX30 boasts a purposeful appearance that makes a bold visual statement – and joins the Q30 as part of Infiniti's new premium compact model line-up.

Remaining true to the powerful and elegant design cues that guided the original QX30 concept, the car's highly sculpted exterior, unique crossover stance and asymmetric cabin design exemplify Infiniti's design-led approach to product development. In addition to its striking appearance, the QX30 offers an elevated ride height, confidence-inspiring handling, a 'go-anywhere' attitude and comes available with an intelligent all-wheel drive system. As a result, the vehicle is able to take on urban, suburban and winding rural roads in all driving conditions.

Speaking in Los Angeles, Roland Krueger, President of Infiniti, commented: "The QX30 active crossover is joining our new premium compact family at the right time and will broaden our offer to new customers around the world.

"With our recent sales successes and record growth, the current product offensive will further strengthen Infiniti's global market position."

Alongside the Q30, revealed at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September 2015, the QX30 will play an integral role in Infiniti's promise to offer customers a broader range of premium products. The vehicle is also expected to contribute to the continual increase of global sales – which have already hit record levels in 2015.

In the first 10 months of 2015, Infiniti sold almost 173,000 new vehicles worldwide, representing an increase of 16 per cent compared to the same period in 2014.

The 32,200 vehicles sold in China means Infiniti has already exceeded its full-year 2014 figure in what is now the world's largest car market. While in the United States. Infiniti sold more than 106,700 vehicles, the best ever sales results in the country since 2005. Global sales of 18,400 units in October represented an increase of 20 per cent over the same month in the previous year, and continued a 14-month run of best individual months on record for Infiniti, including the best October sales in history for many regions and markets such as the Americas, China, Mexico, and Western Europe.

The Infiniti QX30 premium active crossover will go on sale in selected markets in the middle of 2016.

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Fun ride, light and so handy

By John Griffiths

Modern, sculpted good looks apart, there's not too many surprises in the package that makes up Honda's new middleweight contender in the roadster class, the CB650F.

But it's nevertheless an excellent, value-for-money machine at £6,399 which is likely to attract admiring glances in the bikers' cafe car park and provide lots of fun on the road.

Honda's previous middleweights, the CBF600 and the Hornet 600, were based on the running gear of the company's CBR sports machine but with the engine retuned to produce more usable power in the low to middle areas of the rev range.

The new CB650, with 86bhp on tap, gets the same treatment. It sits neatly between its two predecessors in terms of outright power with a theoretical top speed of 130mph (theoretical except on the track, that is).

It's particularly well balanced so that it feels lighter than its 208kgs suggests.

While its lighter than some of its four cylinder rivals, it's slimmer too and comes with a reasonable 810mm seat height, factors which combine to make it feel particularly agile around town as well as on the open road.

The electronic fuel injection provides for smooth, progressive and controllable power delivery through the slick, six-speed gearbox.

While the maximum horses are unleashed at 11,000rpm, the engine remap means peak torque is available a lot lower down – about 8,000rpm. Indeed, you don't even need that big a twist of the right wrist – at anything above 4,000rpm in almost any gear the CB650 leaps forward to make the most of overtaking opportunities. Such a wide power band makes it very rideable in everyday road conditions.

Once on the move, the CB650 is a bit of a revelation. I've ridden dedicated sports bikes which feel heavier and slower to change direction as you flick left and right through the twisty bits.

It's pretty much effortless, and comfortable too as the bars are set wide and high for a pleasant, upright riding position which reduces strain on the neck and back.

Comfortable

The twin seat is well-shaped and comfortable, and you get grab handles for a pillion passenger as well as luggage hooks.

At motorway speeds there is surprisingly little buffeting for a naked bike.

I do struggle with some of the intricacies of aerodynamics but it may be that the Honda engineers have it cracked with just a small, well-shaped 'pod' around the headlight to deflect the wind.

It was certainly a contrast to another 'naked' bike I had ridden only the day before, where 20 miles along a motorway left me feeling wind battered and with aching arms.This had only a big round headlight to bash its way through the air.

Behind the headlight pod is the new electronic instrument cluster: a large and clear digital speedo in the centre of an analogue tachometer on the left, with fuel guage, clock, trip and warning lights on the right.

The brakes are well up to the task, with twin 320mm 'wavy' discs at the front and 240mm disc at the rear. The lever action is nicely progressive with plenty of 'feel'.

With a 17.3 litre fuel tank, you get adequate range with an estimated average consumption of between 45 and 50mpg, depending on conditions (and, of course, how you ride).

The 17-inch cast aluminium wheels are shod with 120/70 rubber at the front, and 180/55 at the rear. The CB650F has aggressive, 'streetfighter' looks which to some extent disguise the fact that it's rather benign and easy to ride, with plenty of performance to satisfy most riders' requirements in this category.

Light and handy for manoeuvring around town, it's also more fun than you might expect from a 650 on winding A and B roads.

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Kenneth Edward

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James

(Jim)

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Love from Glen and Family.

X X X

Dad

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Love, heartbroken Daughter Becky.

X X X

Grandad

Dear Lord up above, give Grandad my love, hug him and kiss him and tell him I love him and that I am always thinking of him.

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Love, Mia. X X X

Dad and Grandad

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Brother-in-law

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Lynn

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George

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STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984
PROPOSED 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON B4156 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, HOLLYBUSH (CHESLYN HAY)

1. Staffordshire County Council propose to make a Traffic Order under Sections 82(2) and 83(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, to impose a 30 mph speed limit on the following length of road:-
   B4156 Wolverhampton Road, Hollybush (Cheslyn Hay) – from a point approximately 5 metres northeast of its junction with A462 Warstone Road for a distance of approximately 275 metres in a northeasterly direction.
2. This Order will be called the Staffordshire County Council (Restricted Roads) (B4156 Wolverhampton Road, Hollybush (Cheslyn Hay)) Order 20**.
3. Full details of this proposal are in the draft Order which, together with a map showing the restricted area and a statement of the County Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected during normal office hours at the office of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Place; and during normal opening hours at Cheslyn Hay Library, Village Hall, Pinfold Lane, Cheslyn Hay, Walsall or via the internet at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/trafficregulationorders.
4. IF YOU WISH TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED ORDER YOU SHOULD SEND THE GROUNDS OF YOUR OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE & DIRECTOR FOR PLACE, HIGHWAYS, 2 STAFFORDSHIRE PLACE, TIPPING STREET, STAFFORD, ST16 2DH NOT LATER THAN 24 DECEMBER 2015 QUOTING REFERENCE HoCPS/TM/TR31/15.

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ADDITIONAL PROVISION 4 (OCTOBER 2015)
NOTICE OF FURTHER PERIOD WITHIN WHICH TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION EXPIRING ON 23 DECEMBER 2015

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a further period during which comments may be made on the Supplementary Environmental Statement deposited with the Additional Provision (SES3) and the Environmental Statement relating to the Additional Provision (AP4 ES) is being provided.
2. The published notice stated that persons who wish to make comments on the SES3 and AP4 ES should send them on or before 27 November 2015. **A further period within which such comments may be made is being provided which will expire on 23 December 2015** and details of how to submit any comments or further comments are given in paragraph 9 below.
3. Document 3.5.1.10.1 - Volume 5 Technical Appendices: Transport Assessment (TR-001-000) - of the SES3 and AP4 ES ("the Transport Assessment") as deposited for public inspection from 16 October 2015 at the offices and libraries mentioned in paragraphs 5 and 6 below included some errors in the baseline information and data relating to traffic impacts on certain roads and junctions within the following Community Forum Areas:
   - 3.1 7 (Colne Valley)
   - 3.2 8 (The Chalfonts and Amersham)
   - 3.3 10 (Dunsmor, Wendover and Halton)
   - 3.4 11 (Stoke Mandeville and Aylesbury)
   - 3.5 12 (Waddesdon and Quainton)
   - 3.6 13 (Calvert, Steeple Claydon, Twyford and Chetwode)
   - 3.7 15 (Greatworth to Lower Boddington).
4. It should however be noted that the assessment itself was based on the correct data and the effects described in Volume 2 of the SES 3 and AP4 ES: Community Forum Area Reports therefore remain unchanged.
5. A corrected Transport Assessment (with corrected text highlighted in yellow) has been made available for public inspection since 4 November 2015 at the offices and libraries at which copies of the SES3 and AP4 ES (together with copies of the Non-Technical Summary, Additional Provision Amendments, Plans and Sections and Book of Reference and Bill) have been made available and which are set out in Parts I and II respectively of the Schedule to this notice.
6. The corrected Transport Assessment (with corrected text highlighted in yellow) has also been made available for inspection and sale since 30 October 2015 from High Speed Two (HS2) Limited, 5th floor, Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT, Tel: 020 7944 4908, Email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk, www.gov.uk/hs2.
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8. The proposed Amendments and the Bill are available on the UK Parliament's website at www.parliament.uk.
9. Any person who wishes to make comments or further comments on the SES3 and AP4 ES should send them either by post to: FREEPOST HS2 AP4 CONSULTATION, or by email to: HS2PhaseOneAPoctober2015@dialoguebydesign.co.uk on or before **23 December 2015**. There is no need to resubmit any comments which have already been made.
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Ladies Matlock the game down

Matlock Baileans Ladies 1sts 1
Cannock Ladies 1sts 4

THE visitors started well but it was Matlock who went ahead with their first penalty corner of the game.

The match was scrappy until half time but Cannock found another gear after the break and were finally rewarded when Sammy Holland finished a fine team move.

Ruth Graham almost broke the net to give Cannock the lead and skipper Sarah Martin made the game safe.

A last minute goal from Mary Clark padded the score as Cannock ended the first half of the season with 11 goals and three wins from three games. Holly Dean was Player of the Match.

Cannock Ladies 2nds 0 Leamington Ladies 1sts 4

Although Cannock displayed some of their best hockey of the season, Leamington Spa showed why they are top of the table scoring four goals in the first half.

Telford & Wrekin Ladies 1sts 3
Cannock Ladies 3rds 0

Cannock defence played amazingly and created a strong wall to stop their attackers from getting near.

In the second half Cannock started off well.

Towards the end of the second half the standard dropped a little as players were getting tired and Cannock were slightly demotivated after conceding a goal. It was then followed by two more.

Cannock 4ths remain eighth in the league, looking ahead to their final fixture before the Christmas break, hosting Lichfield 4ths at 12.30pm on Saturday at Chase Park.

Cannock Ladies 5ths 9 Tamworth Ladies 5ths 0
Cannock Ladies 2nds 2 Bowdon Ladies 2nds 0

Cannock were fighting to progress from the 3rd Round of the Ladies 2nd XI Cup.

Cannock, who have faced a tough few weeks in the league, made all the early openings but with Bowdon looking dangerous on the break the game made for a great spectacle.

Nothing is Shaw as Scholars draw

Shaw Lane 1 Chasetown 1

IN poor weather conditions, Chasetown battled to a very good away point at high-flying Shaw Lane Aquaforce.

After surviving some early pressure from the hosts, Chasetown took the lead in 28 minutes but Shaw Lane were not going to leave things there.

Stan Mugisha eluded a foul from Luke O'Brien and slid the ball across to Ryan Wynter who finished comfortably from close range to get the game going.

The hosts had gone close in the opening minutes with John Bateman making a fingertip save from Lee Bennett.

Bateman made a string of fine saves to keep the score 1-0, denying Bennett again as well as Gavin Allot and Phil Dean showing his resolve to protect the net.

Then makeshift defender Danny Edwards, proved his worth when he superbly cleared off the line to deny Allot before the break seeing the Scholars going into the dressing room ahead.

Teeming

At the start of the second period, with the rain teeming down, Mugisha could easily have doubled Chasetown's lead with a bending shot were it not for the fact that it was brilliantly pushed over by Ian Deakin.

It has to be said though, Aquaforce thoroughly deserved an equaliser just before the hour mark as Bennett fired a dipping shot out of the reach of a diving Bateman.

With the bit in their mouth Shaw Lane should have taken the lead within seconds of levelling.

Allot outpaced the Chasetown defence and slipped a pass beyond Bateman to Bennett who somehow managed to scuff a shot straight back to what should have been a stranded keeper but he was not going to let the ball go for another chance.

As news came in that games at Sheffield and Harrogate had been abandoned due to the weather, it was no surprise that the supporters were keeping one eye on the playing surface which was becoming increasingly sodden as the rain continued.

The pitch is also used by Barnsley Rugby Club and at times it was extremely difficult to play on. However, the show went and the match was played to its conclusion.

To both sides credit, they avoided passing the ball through the worst affected parts of the field and referee Mr Atkin saw no reason to abandon the game giving both sides the chance to take the score on.

Late on, Wynter fired an effort which looked goal-bound but unfortunately for the Scholars it slammed against team-mate Nick Turton and the hosts where able to exploit the stroke of luck and clear the danger while keeping the score even.

Chasetown: Bateman, Williams (Haynes, HT), Edwards, Thompson, Dance, Brown, Mugisha, Davies, Wynter, Sullivan (Turton, 81 mins), Gould (Washbourne, 66 mins).

Subs not used: Robinson, Kiembi.

Ryan Wyther gets involved in an aerial battle during the match between the Scholars and Shaw Lane

Good start is soon wiped out for Burntwood

Loughborough 58 Burntwood 3
RFU Midlands KO Cup – Round 2

BURNTWOOD competed well in the first half against the leaders of Midlands 3 East North.

However, when they turned to face the wind and rain in the second period it was one-way traffic as Loughborough dominated.

A bright start to the game by Ben Holt's side saw them take the lead via an Aza Dunet penalty goal.

Loughborough's pressure was rewarded after 16 minutes with a pushover try.

Burntwood had the chance to hit back direct from the restart when the hosts infringed.

Dunet's goal attempt hit a post and rebounded back into play.

Follow up chasers caught the man in possession to mount a spell of close range pressure but a dropped pass allowed Loughborough to kick clear.

The story for the second period was set from the first minute as the hosts broke a tackle on their own 10 metre line to sweep down field for a converted try. Neil Holden went off injured and was replaced by Daryll Organ.

The 3rd XV welcomed Bloxwich 2nds to The Sportsway and defeated them 35-0 but an under-strength colts side went down 50-10 away to Ledbury on Sunday.

This weekend's rugby action begins with an outing for the veterans' squad on Friday night with the visit of Rugeley for a 7.15pm kick off.

On Saturday the 1st XV are on their travels again with a trip to Ludlow, the first of three games against the league's top three sides in the run up to the Christmas break.

Burntwood take the Dog out with four

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We feel the frustration as well, says Mike

MIKE Williamson admits frustration is growing both in the dressing room and on the terraces at Wolves' poor run.

While the on-loan Newcastle defender has been part of an improved defence that has kept three clean sheets in the last five games, Wolves have won just one of their past eight.

Loud boos greeted the full-time whistle as Wolves drew a blank in the goalless draw with MK Dons on Saturday.

And Williamson says the players understand the frustration.

"We didn't create the same number of chances at Ipswich last week and we scored two.

"But again – that's football – and while there is a lot of frustration in the dressing room there are positives to build from. There was a lot of discipline, tactically we were sound, we worked hard, and on another day it would have been a comfortable win. And tension and frustration is growing because it is all about results."

Wolves registered 16 shots to the visitors' seven and on another day could easily have won by four or five goals. Williamson was keen to take the positives from the game, despite the result

"We kept pressing, we kept pushing, and the crowd can see it wasn't a lack of effort or fitness – we were pushing all the way but couldn't find that clinical breakthrough," he added. "It was an incredibly-frustrating afternoon.

"We expected that if we played like we did and applied ourselves like we did we would have picked up three points but that's football.

"You have to put the ball in the back of the net and we didn't."

Tantrums are not my style, says Lambert

RICKIE Lambert is eager to earn a bigger role for Albion but insists he will never throw a tantrum over his lack of playing time.

The 33-year-old striker has featured only sporadically for the Baggies since a £3million summer move from Liverpool but is hopeful he impressed boss Tony Pulis with his second half showing at West Ham on Sunday, when he inspired Albion's comeback in a 1-1 draw.

Regardless, Lambert is happy to help the team in whatever way he can, whether from the start or off the bench.

"Obviously, I want to play more minutes," said Lambert. "But it's the Premier League and Salomon (Rondon) is doing really well.

"He suits the way the managers plays ."It's a long season, there's no point throwing tantrums."

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No approach from QPR, says Jackett

WOLVES boss Kenny Jackett insists he hasn't been approached by QPR for their vacant manager's job.

Rumours are rife that the London club have launched a formal bid to prise Jackett from Wolves.

Rangers are said to have Jackett high on their shortlist to replace Chris Ramsey, who was sacked earlier this month.

Jackett, however, denied that QPR had contacted him – and committed his future to Wolves.

The 53-year-old has close ties to London and spent three years at Loftus Road as assistant to Ian Holloway from 2001 to 2004. Jackett said of the speculation: "It's not my position to talk about others clubs. But there hasn't been any approach to myself, or as far as I'm aware, the club, so there's nothing to say on it.

"It's not something that's come to me. I'm committed to Wolves and speculation is just that, speculation."

The head coach is under increasing pressure at Molineux after a bad run of just one win in eight games.

Many fans have begun to question his position at the club and supporters loudly booed at the end of Saturday's 0-0 draw with MK Dons.

But it is believed Jackett's job isn't under any immediate threat. He is still held in high regard after transforming Wolves' fortunes since he arrived in 2013.

He said he fully understood supporters' frustration and spoke of his determination to turn things around. "I want to get things right," he added. "I understand that in terms of winning games and league position we're not where we want to be. But there's been no approach (from QPR) and I haven't heard anything in terms of any other clubs."

Neil Warnock is in interim charge at Loftus Road.

Inspired Lambert was terrific, says Albion boss Pulis

TONY PULIS hailed "terrific" Rickie Lambert after the striker inspired Albion's comeback to claim a point at West Ham.

With the Baggies one down at Upton Park, Pulis introduced the veteran striker as a half-time substitute and within five minutes he had helped create the equaliser when his shot deflected off the hand of Hammers skipper Winston Reid.

The 33-year-old has seen his playing time limited since a £3million summer move from Liverpool and Pulis believes his performance in yesterday's 1-1 draw was just reward for his professional attitude.

"It was time for Rick," said the Baggies head coach. "He is a wonderful footballer.

"Since he's joined the club, he's not played as much football as he wants and that's my fault. I pick teams I think are going to win games.

"His attitude to training and the players and the young people at the football club is absolutely fantastic. He cares about football and wants to play every."

Smith buzzes off after deal with Bees

Football

MANY Walsall fans believe their promotion dreams are in tatters following the shock departure of boss Dean Smith.

Smith and assistant manager Richard O'Kelly left the Banks's Stadium on Monday to join Championship side Brentford.

The news has been met with dismay by the majority of Saddlers supporters who, after an impressive start to the season, had hoped Smith would stay to mastermind their push for the Championship.

Smith and O'Kelly were in the crowd on Monday night to watch their new side in action against Bolton at the Macron Stadium. Now the Saddlers begin life without their old management team .

Coaches John Ward, Jon Whitney and Neil Cutler will be in charge of team affairs.

And in another surprise twist, reports emerged that Salop boss Micky Mellon could be one of the names in the frame to replace Smith at the Banks's.

"After rebuffing interest from a Championship club last month, the Saddlers successfully agreed a new 12-month rolling contract with Dean," the statement said. "However, at the time of signing he requested assurances from the club that he would be given the opportunity to speak to any interested parties regarding any future job opportunities should they arise." Brentford are believed to have targeted Smith after a move for Swansea assistant manager Pep Clotet collapsed last week.

And the Walsall club statement confirmed the Bees made their approach in the build-up to Saturday's win over Bradford.

"After an approach from Brentford ahead of our game against Bradford City on Saturday – Dean indicated his desire to speak to the Championship outfit," it read.

PITMEN FALL AT FIRST HURDLE

Leamington 4 Hednesford 2

HEDNESFORD Town failed to clear their first hurdle in the FA Trophy as Leamington produced a stirring second-half performance.

The home side struck three times in the second period of the third qualifying round tie to tip the contest in their favour and secure an upset.

The Southern Premier League high-flyers took the game to their higher-level opponents, and the Pitmen, struggling for form in the National League North, wilted in the Warwickshire rain.

In the opening period Hednesford look set on putting talk of an upset firmly away as, with a strong wind on their backs, their midfield, specifically Paul Ennis and Sean Williams, did well to stifle any early threat from the home side and made the better of the first 20 minutes.

An Ennis free-kick drifted into the penalty area and as the Leamington defence stood and watched the ball cannoned back off the top of the upright before Ahmed Obeng's follow-up was superbly blocked by a sprawling defender.

Bravely

Ennis had another shot bravely blocked just a minute before the first goal of the afternoon was scored by Andy Todd after 14 minutes.

Most of the work was done by captain Ben Bailey, whose long throw found its way back to him on the left wing and he executed a superb turn, lobbing the ball over the defender before hitting a powerful volley which took a deflection before being steered in past the desperate lunge of Tony Breeden by Todd.

Unfortunately, just six minutes later Leamington levelled when the first of several aerial challenges were lost as the Pitmen struggled with the commitment of their opposing forwards. Lee Moore headed the ball back into the six-yard box over Dan Crane and Rob Ogleby finished from a yard out.

Ennis saw a free-kick at the death of the first half fly just over the bar as both teams went in to the interval feeling a place in the next round was theirs for the taking.

Paul Ennis in control of the ball during the qualifier against Leamington

Unfortunately for the Pitmen it was Leamington who showed that desire more in the second half as former Walsall midfielder Richard Taundry volleyed home from the edge of the area on 58 minutes and after that point, despite substitute Kyle Perry spearheading what became a three-man attack, Hednesford were never really back in the game.

The home team's third goal came when Crane struggled to deal with a ball in the box and Ben Mackey lashed the ball in on 70 minutes. Bailey quickly reduced the arrears but as the Pitmen chased in vain for an equaliser Mackey scored from the spot to end matters.

Leamington: Breeden, Fry, Kelly, Magunda, Hood, Tank, Ogleby, Taundry, Mackey, Edwards, Moore.

Subs not used: Green, George, Chilton, Baldwin, Caviezel-Cox.

Hednesford Town: Crane, T Williams, James, Bailey, Regan, Dyer (Trainer 50), Williams, Thomas (Perry 55), Obeng, Ennis, Todd.

Subs not used: Johnson, Disney, Digie.

Attendance: 308

●Heath Hayes played only 40 minutes away to Cadbury Athletic in the Midland League Division One before the match was abandoned in driving rain. No date has been agreed yet for the replay.

Fans and players will miss Dean

WALSALL players and fans were united in their sadness at seeing boss Dean Smith leave the Banks's.

Winger Milan Lalkovic paid tribute to the former boss on Twitter, saying: "All the best to Dean Smith great man and great manager."

Striker Tom Bradshaw, who was signed from Shrewsbury by Smith, wrote on Instagram: "I'd like to thank Dean Smith and Richard O'Kelly for all the support they have given me in the last 18 months.

"They have been instrumental in the progression of my career, I learned a lot from them both and wish them the best!"

Former skipper Martin O'Connor tweeted: "Deano's off to the smoke! Good luck mate, you're off to the big leagues."

Saddlers fan Paul Townsend, visiting from from Adelaide, Australia, said: "I'm very disappointed I thought he would actually see out his contract, he's taken the team to the top of the league and Wembley this year so I'm very surprised that he would actually go to Brentford of all clubs.

"I know it's an awful thing to say but it's money.

"It would be the only think I could think of, because I mean Brentford are not a very fashionable club.

"I can understand him going to a high standard team in the Championship or even the Premier League, but not going to Brentford of all clubs."

Daniel Barker, aged 27, from Willenhall said: "I'm disappointed. I think it's poor timing for the club. He's spent the last four-and-a-half years getting us into the best position he could, building a team that can defend and attack at the same time has took a few years to put together on a shoestring budget."

Cannock stuck in a rut after defeat

CANNOCK remain stuck in a rut after suffering another blow in the Men's National Premier league with a 3-2 defeat against Holcombe.

Peter Jackson and Arjan Drayton Chana put in a solid effort for Cannock, but it was not enough to get the edge on Holcombe.

Ashley Jackson, James Stedman and Barry Middleton were flying the flag for Holcombe with Middleton netting the winning goal in the 68th minute.

Cannock, who do not have another fixture scheduled until February 6, enter the Christmas break second from bottom in the table.

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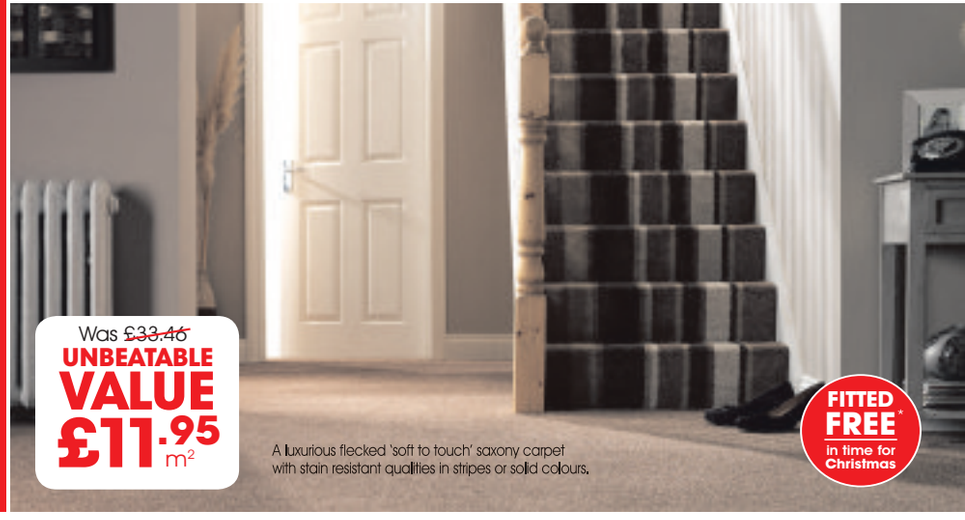

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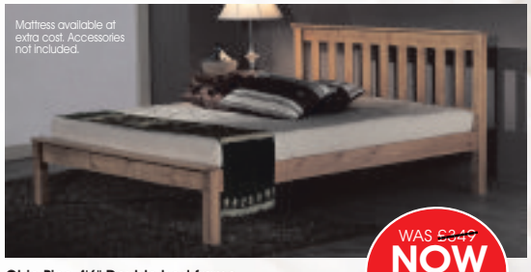

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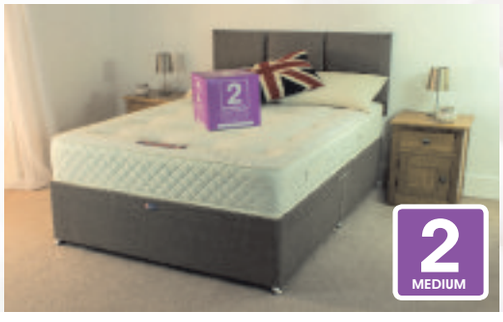

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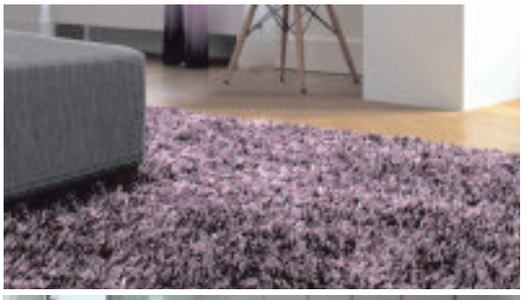

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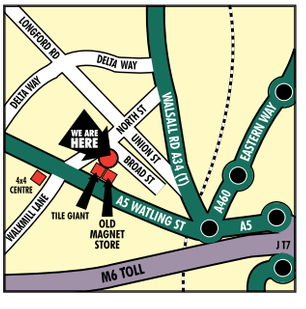
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